

Outreach and Vacancy Announcement

Prevention Patrol

GS-0462-4/5



USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region (R-4)

Boise National Forest

Mountain Home Ranger District

Cascade Ranger District

Idaho City Ranger District

Lowman Ranger District

The Mountain Home, Cascade, Idaho City and Lowman Districts are advertising and will be filling Prevention Tech positions (possibly up to five positions).

The Mountain Home, Cascade, Idaho City and Lowman Fire Organization are seeking motivated candidates to fill critical positions in our management organization, Prevention/Patrol. These positions are located on the Boise National Forest, Idaho, Region 4. The purpose of this position is to provide for first line contact with forest users and landowners within the Boise National forest boundaries with collateral duties in wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations.

These positions are a 1039 seasonal, generally working from May till October depending on the fire season. The Duty Stations will be Mountain Home, Cascade, Idaho City and Lowman. The positions will be filled utilizing USAJOBS. The Position will be announced under GS-05-0462-prevention/patrol and the district of interest, e.g. Mountain Home, Boise NF.

Please submit your application in USAJOBS prior to Feb 20, 2013 in order to be considered for these positions. A referral list will be requested prior to fall fire hire. Also ensure you list the district of interest as the duty station in order to be considered for that district.

About our Fire Program

The positions are located on the Boise National Forest. The Forest consists of five Districts that are staffed with a total of two IHC crews, two type 2 IA crews, a type 3 helicopter, a type 2 rappel helicopter, two six person smoke chase modules, five type 4 and one type 6 Wildland Fire Engine Modules. If selected for either of these positions, you will serve as a leader in a highly motivated, professional Wildland Fire Management Organization. The primary purpose of the positions is to provide operational oversight and planning of wildland fire suppression activities with specialized fire management expertise.

On average, the Boise Modules respond to approximately 150 Wildland Fires each year in our local area. In addition, they frequently travel to other parts of the country to provide assistance wherever there is a need.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT

Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters. These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

There currently are 6 administrative units on the Forest: Mountain Home, Idaho City, Lowman, Cascade, and Emmett Ranger Districts and the Lucky Peak Nursery. Comprising the seventh largest National Forest in the United States, the Boise National Forest's 2.6 million acres provide diverse opportunities in resource management. Elevations range from 2,600 to 9,800 feet. The mountainous landscape developed through uplifting, faulting, and stream cutting. Most of the land lies within the Idaho Batholith, a large and highly erodible geologic formation.

MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT

The Mountain Home Ranger District encompasses approximately 650,000 acres in the Southern part of the Boise National Forest. It is located in close proximity to Boise, and includes administration of capitol city Front Range lands. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include Mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey and Ruffed grouse.

CASCADE RANGER DISTRICT

The Cascade Ranger District is the northernmost District on the Boise National Forest. Encompassing over 400,000 acres, the District offers a diverse resource management program including recreation, wildlife, fisheries, forest and range management, and watershed management. The small town of Cascade is nestled in the mountains of central Idaho approximately 75 miles north of Boise on Highway 55. It is located in Long Valley between the North Fork of the Payette River (known for its world-class kayaking) and Cascade Lake (one of the top fisheries in Idaho). The Cascade Ranger District offers abundant and diverse year-round outdoor sports and recreation opportunities.

IDAHO CITY RANGER DISTRICT

The Idaho City Ranger District is just over 400,000 acres in size, ranging from open foothills along the Payette River on the western border of the District to the beautiful and infamous Sawtooth Mountains on the eastern portion. Elevations range from 3200 to 8800 feet. The climate is generally dry with plentiful sunshine year around. Annual precipitation in Idaho City is approximately 24 inches, with most of it occurring as snowfall. Winter temperatures range from a high of 35-40 degrees F, to lows just above zero. Summer temperatures range from a high of 80's to the upper 90's, to lows in the 40's.

The District organization has approximately 35 PFT/WAE/TERM employees, and consists of 7 primary departments: Administrative Services, Engineering, Resources, Geology, Timber/Planning/NEPA, Silviculture, and Fire/Fuels.

The District receives high visibility due to its close proximity to Boise, the capitol city of Idaho. Several beautiful pristine rivers flow through the District offering some of the best strongholds of bull trout habitat in SW Idaho. Trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and motorized activities are abundant and provide for numerous opportunities in the mild season. With relatively heavy snows and long winters, the District is a

destination for many cross country skiers and snowmobilers with abundant ski and snowmobile trails both groomed and "find your own" available.

LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICT

The District is adjacent to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and covers 479,000 acres. Activities managed by the District include small timber sales, mining, outfitter-guide services, wildlife and fish programs, recreational lease holding, and both developed and dispersed camping. Wildlife is abundant in the area.

COMMUNITY of Boise, Idaho

Boise is situated where the high desert meets the western edge of the Rocky Mountains. As the state capitol and largest city in the State, Boise is a full-service community. The Boise metropolitan area's economy is strong with many dual career opportunities, including a wide variety of federal agencies within easy driving distance, and many private sector job opportunities. Schools in the Boise area generally rank above both Idaho and National averages. There are several institutions of higher learning in the area, including Boise State University. Health care facilities and churches are widely available. Entertainment opportunities abound in Boise and the metropolitan area, with a wide array of restaurants, dinner theaters, museums, and sports-and-music venues. Additional information can be found on the Boise Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.boisechamber.com/>

Boise actively supports the arts and has a variety of cultural attractions, including the annual Shakespeare Festival, Art in the Park and the Gene Harris Jazz festival, just to name a few. Additional information can be found at <http://www.boise.org/>

Outdoor recreation opportunities in and around Boise are extensive. The nearby mountains boast a wide variety of activities including fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, Nordic and Alpine skiing, and some of the best whitewater rafting and kayaking in the world. Hiking, biking, and fishing are popular activities in the metro area as well. Boise has thousands of acres of open space in the foothills around the city that provide trails for hikers and bikers of all abilities.

The Boise climate is very pleasant and summarized below:

Elevation	2842 ft	Annual Mean Snowfall	20.9
Annual Average Temperature	51 F	Annual Mean Rainfall	12.11
January Average	22-36 F		
July Average	58-90 F	Sunshine Days	234

Mountain Home: Mountain Home is located between the Danskin and Owyhee Mountains in southwest Idaho with a population of over 15,000 and is the county seat for Elmore County. The Mountain Home Air Force Base located 10 miles west of town contributes considerably to the diversity of the community and its economy. Mountain Home has a strong sense of family values and community, as evidenced in our local events, including Air Force Appreciation Day, one of the Idaho's largest parades. Mountain Home is a rapidly growing community that maintains a small town feel.

The Snake River, as well as the remote and secluded Bruneau Canyon area is located south of Mountain Home. Visitors and residents alike enjoy our abundant local recreational activities including hiking, camping, fishing, backpacking, motorcycle and snowmobile trails and hunting to name a few. The Mountain Home School District is located in Mountain Home, ID and includes 9 schools that serve 4,127 students in grades PK through 12.

Cascade: Cascade is a rural community in Idaho and the county seat of Valley County, Idaho in the west central part of the state. It sits at an elevation of 4780 feet (1457 m), along the North Fork of the Payette River. The 2009 population is estimated at 939. Cascade is located on the southeast shore of Lake Cascade, formed after the

completion of Cascade Dam on the north side of the community. The recreational city of McCall is 29 miles (46 km) north, and the village of Donnelly is a little over midway, via Highway 55. Tamarack Resort is across the reservoir to the northwest. Cascade is approximately 75 miles (112 km) north of Boise, accessed via State Highway 55, the Payette River Scenic Byway. For further information: <http://cascadechamber.com/>

Idaho City: Idaho City is a quaint, historic mountain community of approximately 400. Idaho City is the county seat of Boise County with tourism and timber as the primary industries. Idaho City is not a full service community, but does offer the following services on a year round basis: one small grocery store and many small shops along Main Street with preserved historic buildings from the mining era of the 1860's, one Laundromat, two motels, several restaurants, a medical clinic, and a post office. Public services include the Boise Basin public school (K-12) with approximately 300 students, the Senior Center, Boise County Public Offices, Sheriff's Office, Public Library, and the Idaho City Volunteer Fire Department complex. Churches include the Idaho City Christian Center (Protestant), St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church, and the First Baptist Church of Boise Basin. Housing is available in Idaho City and in numerous rural subdivisions between Idaho City and Boise off of Highway 21. Housing prices begin in the lower \$100,000 price range. Rentals are scarce. Government housing may be available.

Lowman: Located 75 miles north of the Idaho state capital in Boise, is a small mountain community that has grown up along 12 miles of the South Fork of the Payette River. Recreation opportunities abound. Depending on the season, you may camp, hike, ride for miles on horseback, bike, motorcycle, or ATV on beautiful trails; fish, hunt, cross-country ski, or snowmobile. The South Fork of the Payette River is considered one of the premier kayaking and rafting waters in the country and the district shares borders with both the Sawtooth SNRA and the Frank Church River of No return Wilderness. After a hard day of work or play there are numerous hot springs to soak in. Approximately 200 year round residents live in the community and the summer population swells with visitors.

For Additional Information Contact:

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OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Forestry Technician GS-462-04/05, Prevention
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

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NAME: _____

IBM or INTERNET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
 _____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN THIS POSITION.

PLEASE INDICATE DUTY LOCATION PREFERENCE:

MOUNTAIN HOME: _____ IDAHO CITY: _____

CASCADE: _____ LOWMAN: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!