

OUTREACH NOTICE
USDA Forest Service, Region 4
Salmon-Challis National Forest
2013 Temporary Seasonal Positions: Watershed Monitoring Crew
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Positions: The Salmon-Challis National Forest is planning to fill up to 6 temporary seasonal positions as part of the 2013 Watershed Monitoring Crew. The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform potential candidates of these positions and provide information on how to apply.



Title/Series/Grade: Up to 6 positions will be filled as Biological Science Aids/Technicians and/or Hydrologic Technicians at the GS-3, GS-4, and GS-5 levels, depending on available funding and qualified applicants.

- Biological Science Aid, GS-0404-03
- Biological Science Technician (fish), GS-0404-04
- Biological Science Technician (fisheries), GS-0404-05
- Hydrologic Technician, GS-1316-04
- Hydrologic Technician, GS-1316-05

Salary/Benefits: GS-3: \$11.95/hour;
GS-4: \$13.41/hour;
GS-5: \$15.00/hour
Employees will earn 4 hours of annual leave and 4 hours of sick leave per 2-week pay period. Employees will be compensated for federal holidays that fall during the scheduled period of employment.

Location: Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor's Office, Salmon, Idaho.
Field work will occur throughout the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Work Schedule: Employment will begin in late May or early June and be completed by mid- to late August. Work hours will be determined by the crew as either five 8-hour days or four 10-hour days per week.



Housing: No housing will be provided.
Crew members are responsible for finding housing for the duration of the employment.

Job duties:

These seasonal positions comprise the Salmon-Challis National Forest Watershed Monitoring Crew. Duties are field based, involving extensive hiking in steep terrain with a backpack, wading streams for data collection, and extensive driving on mountain roads. The crew will be stationed out of the Supervisor’s Office in Salmon, with 1-day and multi-day trips to access field sites in remote areas across the entire Forest. Multi-day trips will involve camping or overnight stays in Forest Service bunkhouses.



Specific duties:

Specific job duties may include the following:



- Collect and compile streambed sediment, stream bank stability, and photo data at over 50 established stream locations
- Collect soil disturbance survey data to assist with project planning
- Assist with stream restoration projects
- Assist with fire rehabilitation projects in burned areas of the Mustang Complex and Halstead Fires
- Conduct site visits to verify water rights and uses

Data collected aids in a Forest-wide effort to determine stream and aquatic habitat health, as well as the level of impact to resident and anadromous fish species related to natural or multiple use management.

Job requirements:

Grade qualification will be based on experience, education, or a combination of experience and education. All applicants must be US citizens. Job and safety training will be provided. Additional requirements for these positions are listed below.

Requirements for the GS-3 positions:

- Ability to carry 40 plus pounds while hiking in rough, steep terrain; ability to lift heavy objects.
- Ability to wade in streams in all weather conditions; comfortable in and around water.
- Ability to camp in sometimes remote locations for 2 to 4 nights at a time.
- Ability to work as a member of a team.





Additional requirements for the GS-4 positions (including those above):

- Navigation skills using map, compass, and GPS.
- Ability to drive 4WD vehicles and navigate narrow roads.

Additional requirements for the GS-5 positions (including those above):

- Leadership and organizational skills to supervise a small field crew and arrange logistics.
- Ability to compile and analyze data using spreadsheets.
- Education and/or experience in hydrology, watershed, fisheries, or related field.

How to apply:

These positions are being filled through an open, continuous, on-line application process. The vacancy announcements for these positions are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Applicants may apply under one or more of the following vacancy announcements, depending on qualifications:

- TEMPOCR-0404-03-GEN-DT
- TEMPOCR-0404-04-FISH-DT
- TEMPOCR-0404-5-FISH-DT
- TEMPOCR-1316-4-HYDR TECH-DT
- TEMPOCR-1316-5-HYDR TECH-DT

Applicants must create a USAJOBS account and follow all instructions in the vacancy announcement. In order to be considered for one of these positions, applicants must specify "**Salmon, Idaho**" as the duty location. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, but **no later than March 15, 2013**. The referral list for these positions will be issued to the selecting official during the week of March 18.

Forest contact:

For more information about these positions or the application process, please contact

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About the Forest: The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range of the North Central Rockies on the east, and to the west includes over 1.3 million acres of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Rugged and remote, this country offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. The Forest also contains Mt. Borah, Idaho's tallest peak, the Wild & Scenic Salmon River, and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, white-water rafting and many other popular recreational pursuits. The Forest features diverse, rough topography, geologic conditions, and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Supervisors Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. The six administrative units on the Forest include the Salmon/Cobalt, Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts.



The Community: Salmon is the heart of the Salmon River Valley, surrounded by three mountain ranges and situated at the junction of Idaho State Highway 28 and U.S. Highway 93, and at the forks of the Salmon and Lemhi Rivers. The city has a population of about 3,300 and is the seat of Lemhi County with a population of 8,000. The main industries are ranching, mining and recreation. Salmon is known as the "White Water Capital of the World" serving as the hub of personal and outfitter, jet boat and rafting river activities. At 4,000 feet elevation, the surrounding terrain varies greatly from rolling, arid hills to steep forested slopes.

Salmon enjoys a dry, warm climate during the summer and fall months with daily highs averaging between 75 and 95 degrees, and nightly lows from 45 to 60 degrees. The climate in the winter is ideal for snow sports, with high temperatures typically in the 20s and lower 30s and low temperatures averaging from 14 to 25 degrees with occasional sub-zero readings.

For more information about the community of Salmon, Idaho, visit the Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.salmonchamber.com/>.