



OUTREACH
Forestry Technician GS-0462-7/9
Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA)
Sawtooth National Forest
Stanley, Idaho

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area will soon be advertising to fill a Forestry Technician (Recreation/Facilities) position. This position is a permanent full-time appointment, and will be located in Stanley, Idaho. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

For additional details on the position, you may contact Susan James, Recreation Program Manager at (208) 774-3037.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position is responsible for coordinating and performing duties directly related to the safety, operations, and maintenance of the recreation and administrative facilities programs on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). This position is responsible for implementing both annual and long-term work plans for developed and dispersed recreation sites (campgrounds, trailheads, day use areas, etc.) and administrative facilities (ranger stations, employee housing, etc.). This includes planning, scheduling, coordinating, overseeing, and performing maintenance projects related to each. This position is also responsible for overseeing the administration of the Campground Concessionaire permit. This includes annual documentation and evaluations, preseason and post season inspections, and routine interaction with the permittee to ensure that all aspects of campground operations are compliant with the terms of the permit.

This position will serve as a Forest Protection Officer and will be expected to conduct routine recreation site patrols (including winter snowmobile patrols), provide information to the public, and monitor and enforce compliance with area rules and regulations.

During the winter months the incumbent will be responsible for snow removal at administrative facilities. This will include operating and maintaining snowmobiles, plows, and snow blowers, shoveling walkways, and working early hours to prepare facilities for the public and other staff.

The incumbent must be able to:

- Work independently in a variety of weather conditions,
- Effectively meet and deal with contractors, coworkers, and recreationists,
- Understand and apply health and safety standards,
- Operate and maintain all facility related water, sewer, heating & air conditioning systems, and maintain grounds, roads, signs, gates, and vehicles,
- Perform plumbing, carpentry, masonry, and basic electrical tasks,
- Operate and maintain equipment and power tools (i.e. fork lifts, skid steers, boats, trailers, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATV, UTV, saws, drills, etc.) needed to perform the duties of the position, and
- Physically perform moderate to strenuous physical tasks including walking on steep or uneven terrain, bending, lifting, and carrying heavy objects.

This position may supervise up to 3 permanent position and 3 or more seasonal employees, depending upon budget.

The work schedule may include weekends, holidays, and early mornings.

The selected individual will be subjected to a background investigation conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA:

The SNRA has two offices, the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters 8 miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley and the Stanley Ranger Station located near the town of Stanley, 60 miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley.

There is also a work center - Sawtooth Valley Work Center - 12 miles south of the Stanley office, and Redfish Visitor Center located at Redfish Lake, which are open in the summer months.

The Sawtooth NRA is a unique place operating under its own legislation--Public Law 92-400--as well as Forest Service directives. We manage 756,000 acres of land with designated and proposed wilderness; heavily used developed sites, water and land based recreation, timber, grazing and mining programs and administer 83 conservation easements which protect over 86% of the private land within the SNRA from further development. There are endangered species issues which involve all operations on the SNRA. Employees are expected to perform wildfire suppression support as directed and within their qualifications and physical capabilities.

Recreation on the SNRA is year-round; however, summer is the busiest time of year. Recreation activities includes developed and dispersed camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, floating, fishing, lake shore recreation, mountain biking, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and skiing. The Sawtooth NRA has a campground concessionaire permit that manages 35 campgrounds, 3 boat ramps, and 8 day-use areas. Forest Service crews maintain an additional 42 developed recreation sites including boat launches, picnic areas, trailheads, developed dispersed campsites, scenic overlooks, rest areas, interpretive sites, river access sites and groomed snowmobile and cross country ski trails.

Administrative facilities are spread throughout the SNRA and include two ranger stations, a work center, 10 permanent residences, 6 seasonal residences, 9 seasonal trailers, approximately 19 RV sites, and 3 RV dump stations.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Stanley, Idaho is a remote rural community with a base population of 75, located at the foothills of the awesome Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities; hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, white water rafting and kayaking, family reunions, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures and cross country skiing. There is a brief but stunning summer season.

There is a fine school for grades K-8. Higher grades commute via the river road along Highway 75 to Challis, approximately 1+ hour (in good weather) each way. There is no year round day care center available at this time. The area has a year round Medical Clinic staffed with an excellent nurse practitioner. Major medical services

are available 60 miles south in Ketchum, Idaho, or 120 miles southwest in Boise. The same distances apply for shopping for other than basic grocery items. There are several sporting good shops open in the summer months and good restaurants most of the year.

CLIMATE:

The climate can be extreme. Snow may extend from November through mid-May with temperatures dropping to -40(F) degrees for a week or so in January or February. The star-filled evenings and sunshine-filled winter days help make up for extremes in temperature.

HOUSING:

Rentals in the local community are scarce and the price of homes to purchase is quite high. There is government housing available for rent at the Stanley Ranger Station.

Interested candidates should send the attached Outreach Notice Form to Sarah Lau, Engineering Staff Officer at slau@fs.fed.us. She can be reached at (208) 727-3213. The Outreach Response Form provides useful information to help us decide how we will recruit and fill the position.