



**Outreach Notice**  
**WG 3502-3: Laborer**  
**Seasonal (1039 hours)**  
**Salmon-Challis National Forest**  
**Reply Due: May 3, 2013**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is looking for 2 laborers to assist in facilities maintenance. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

**Position:** Laborer

**Series/Grade:** WG 3502-03

**Duty Station:** Salmon, ID and Challis, ID

**Tour of Duty:** Seasonal- NTE 1039 hrs.

**Housing:** Government quarters are not available at this time.

**Duties:**

This position is part of the Forest's Facilities Engineering program. The incumbent will perform a variety of laborer duties in support of facilities maintenance. The work requires prior work experience, some degree of manual skill and very heavy physical effort. Work includes the use of heavy power equipment and common hand tools and operation of a motor vehicle.

The successful candidate will be expected to work through late October or early November to complete the winterization of the various administrative sites at the end of the field season.

The Forest intends to request a referral list May 3, 2013. Applications must be submitted in USAJOBS prior to this date. Two positions will be filled. One based in Salmon, ID and one based in Challis, ID.

This vacancy announcement is posted and may be accessed through: [USAJobs](#).

Vacancy announcement number: **TEMPOCR-3502-03-DT**

This is an Open Continuous vacancy announcement. All applicants will apply through USAJOBS.

**Contact Information:** Interested applicants or those desiring further information about the position may contact Randy Thomas, Facilities Engineer, at [randallathomas@fs.fed.us](mailto:randallathomas@fs.fed.us), 208-756-5138.

**About the Forest:** Visit the Forest webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc>

The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range on the border with Montana to 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 and the Wild & Scenic Salmon River and 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 Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon/Cobalt, North Fork, Leadore, Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River and Middle Fork Ranger Districts.

## **About the Towns:**

**Salmon** is the heart of the Salmon River Valley, surrounded by three mountain ranges, situated at the junction of Idaho State Highway 28 and U.S. Highway 93, and at the forks of the Lemhi and Salmon Rivers. The town has a population of about 3,100 and is the seat of Lemhi County which has a population of 8,000. The main industries are ranching, mining, timber 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.

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

**Shopping and Services:** Salmon is a self-contained community with a full variety of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. In addition to basic services, there are a variety of specialty shops and art galleries. Salmon also has nursing and residential care facilities, hospice and a spectrum of social services. Also, most service clubs and associations are represented. The public library offers computer and other services.

**Medical:** The City of Salmon has a local 30-bed community hospital affiliated with the major hospital of Missoula, Montana, and provides Life-Flight helicopter, EMT, Search and Rescue units, physicians, dentists, optometrists, and also specialist affiliations with the Western Montana Medical Clinic.

**Housing:** There are four motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. A typical three-bedroom house costs \$150,000 and up. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around \$700.

Several real estate offices are available. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds.

Churches: Salmon has an active church community, school, and fourteen churches representing a large variety of denominations.

Entertainment and Activities: A wide assortment of entertainment is provided by various organizations throughout the year. The Salmon Arts Council provides events for the community presenting a wide range of performers in music, theater, and dance, visual art shows and sales, artist workshops, juried art exhibitions, and other programs for the local schools. The Sacajawea Center offers numerous historical programs and activities. Other celebrations include the Salmon Marathon, the Spokes and Chrome Car Show, Fourth of July Salmon River Days, Lil' Britches Rodeo and the Lemhi County Fair. Salmon also has numerous restaurants, a movie theater, and a fitness center. Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, bowling alley, baseball diamonds and an outdoor community swimming pool.

**Challis** sits along the Salmon River at an elevation of 5,072 feet and has a population of 1,081. The climate of Challis is relatively cool and dry. The average low in the winter is about 10°F and the average high in the summer is about 90°F. The average annual precipitation is 7.4 inches and average annual snowfall is about 15 inches. Challis is near the Salmon River and is also the gateway to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, so outdoor experiences are some key highlights of life in Challis.

Shopping and Services: Challis has a variety of shops and services including: grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, pharmacies, florists, veterinarians, auto parts, ranch supplies, sporting goods stores, bars, hardware and lumber stores, video rentals, gas stations, and other businesses that specialize in antiques, jewelry, photo developing, clothing, furniture, artwork, appliances, and gifts. There is a full-service bank, a credit union, a Post Office, and a public library. For more information about the area, log on to the website - [www.challisidaho.com](http://www.challisidaho.com).

Medical: The Challis Area Health Center has x-ray and laboratory facilities, an emergency room, ambulance and Life-Flight helicopter capabilities. Additional medical services are provided by specialists who regularly visit the clinic. There is a physician assistant, a dentist, an optometrist, and two chiropractic doctors. The area has 24 hour 911 and EMT service. Several hospitals are located within 60 to 200 miles.

Housing: There are four motels in Challis and several bed and breakfast lodgings. Housing prices range from \$75,000 to over \$150,000. Several real estate offices are available. Mobile home parks provide additional accommodations. A fair selection of rental properties is usually available.

Churches: Challis has an active church community with several churches representing a variety of denominations.

Entertainment and Activities: The Challis Arts Council, a non-profit organization, sponsors professional high-quality artistic events for the community. Challis Events occur almost year round and include fishing derbies, festivals, Braun Brothers Concert Weekend, rodeos, golf tournaments and more. The city park is an excellent facility with tennis courts, picnic pavilion, playground equipment, amphitheatre, horseshoe pits and ball field. There is a nine-hole golf course and a bowling alley with league play available for all ages and also an additional game area. The Forest Service has an exercise room, and there is also a commercial gym. The privately-owned Challis Hot Springs, approximately seven miles from Challis, offers year-round swimming in two pools with a natural flow from the hot springs.