



## Outreach Notice

USDA Forest Service, Region 4  
Salmon-Challis National Forest

Lead River Patrol, GS-462-07 13/13

Location: Challis, Idaho

**Work on the 104 mile Wild and Scenic Middle Fork of the Salmon River within the Frank Church - River of No Return, the largest contiguous Wilderness area in the lower 48 states! .**

The Middle Fork District will be hiring a GS-7 permanent seasonal employee for work on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness: the “Frank”. Tour of duty will be at least 13 pay periods each year (there are 26 pay periods in a year). This position will be announced shortly through USAJOBS and those responding will be notified when and how to apply.

The job involves extensive river work and associated logistics; rowing a 15’ raft (or sweep boat, or paddling a kayak) for 7 days down 104 miles of class IV whitewater; supervising seasonal and volunteer river rangers; leading volunteer and cooperator efforts; providing logistical support to other resource specialists; performing routine trail maintenance; providing Wild & Scenic River and Wilderness Education and Information.

Patrols river corridors and initiates public contacts in the field to enhance the user's river experience and protect the river resource through dispersal of information. Patrols district waterways, trails, and/or roads and ensure that use is in accordance with recreation plans and regulations. Protects the scene of any incidents and relinquishes control to police or other law enforcement officials.

Participates with other resource personnel to develop long-range plans for managing recreation resources. Identifies potential problems arising from changing use patterns and new activities and recommends strategies to deal with them. Active role in the development of plans for recreation area maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction projects in accordance with program management objectives and policies. Prepares detailed project work plans and schedules, including required personnel, equipment, and supplies. Administers a recreation area with responsibility for developing and carrying out operations plans for the use, improvement and maintenance for developed and dispersed recreation sites.

Ensures that portals are properly signed and bulletin boards are maintained.

Maintains records of visitor use levels, and types and patterns of use. Patrols unit to collect use data, identify or correct unsafe conditions, answer visitor inquiries, prevent vandalism and other anti-social behavior, gather current information recreation opportunities, and prevent theft of Forest resources and their destruction resulting from carelessness with fire.

Maintains daily record of outfitter guide activities. Checks outfitter guides for compliance with the guide card program. Inspects outfitter operations for plan/policy compliance; takes necessary follow-up action for items of noncompliance; makes recommendations to immediate supervisor relating to wilderness special use permit administration.



Serves as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). Issues notices of field violations when violations of regulations are encountered. Conducts investigations, collects evidence and prepares case reports on violations. Explains regulations concerning river management and enforces fishing regulations. Assists agency law enforcement personnel with violation information.

Serves as certified White Water River Rescue Technician.

Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of river resources. Documents destruction to or impacts on campsites. Inspect recreation residences documenting findings and making written and/or contact with permittees to make sure



permittees are complying with the terms of the permit.

Performs routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing. Implements trail and bridge construction and reconstruction projects. Develops and monitors the logistics required for completion of river projects and non-river projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction. This includes condition surveys, developing project plans and cost estimates, and making recommendations for improvements. Implementation may involve the supervision of small crews in such activities. Prepare annual updates of work

needed and cost to bring site conditions and operation up to full standard. Naturalizes sites where necessary in order to control use and prevent resource damage. Determines informational and regulatory signing needs for the unit including arranging for installation, and monitors for effectiveness.

Conducts education programs addressing bear safety, Leave No Trace camping, river management, angler etiquette, angler conservation and wilderness philosophy. Develops and conducts river education programs at in the local community. Analyzes ways to educate users.

Plans and implements community events related to fisheries.

Acts as liaison with community organizations and interest groups in order to stimulate interest and utilization of recreation facilities. Involves the community in program and activities, determines, and recommends possible public involvement. Coordinates group visits with operational personnel and communicates schedules and requirements for logistical support. Recruits and trains volunteers.

Responsible for maintenance and care of assigned vehicles, boats and field equipment.

Operates, trains and certifies others in the operation of boats on the river.

Performs other duties as assigned.

**NOTE:** This position serves as a Forest Protection Officer, and as such, candidates **must** complete a background investigation to check for criminal history. The U.S. Government is authorized to ask for this information under E.O. 10677 and section 3301, of Title 5 of the U.S. Code; and parts 5, 731, and 736 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.



If interested in the position, you may complete the attached form and return by e - mail by January 12, 2014, to: [jhaugh@fs.fed.us](mailto:jhaugh@fs.fed.us), or mail to:

John Haugh  
Middle Fork District Ranger District  
Salmon-Challis National Forest  
HC 63, Box 1669  
Hyw. 93  
Challis, ID 83226

Submitting the Outreach Form is not a substitute for completion of the application. The vacancy announcement will open after January 12, 2014. If you have questions about this position, please call John Haugh, Wilderness and Rivers Program Manager, at (208) 879-4106.

#### **About the Area**

**The City:** Challis, Idaho ([www.challisidaho.com](http://www.challisidaho.com)) is located a mile high in the mountains of central Idaho. The city has a population of approximately 900 and is the seat of Custer County which has a population of 4,300.

**History:** The Challis area was originally home to the Shoshone-Bannock people. In the 1820's, fur-trapping parties came in search for beaver pelts and other early settlers were traders, cattlemen and ranchers. In 1873 gold was discovered, unleashing a mining boom that spanned almost three decades. Although many of these mining camps eventually became ghost towns, Challis remained and continues to prosper from the rich mineral resources.

**Climate:** Challis 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. Annual precipitation averages around 7 inches.

**Shopping and Services:** Challis has a variety of shops and services including: grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, pharmacies, florists, veterinarians, autoparts, ranch supplies, sporting goods, 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.

**Schools:** Present enrollment is about 500 students. Teacher/student ratios are 1:23 in the elementary school and 1:16 at the junior/senior high school. The school district is accredited and has an 2A rating for athletics. Extracurricular activities include interscholastic sports, music, and various interest activities such as an Academic Team, an Envirothon Team, and Frontier League sports. Each school has an up-to-date computer lab and there are computers in each classroom.

**Transportation:** There is a small airport with charter flights available. Three of the closest major airports are within 200 miles.

**Housing:** There is no Forest Service housing available for this position. There are four motels in Challis and several bed and breakfast lodgings. Housing prices range from \$60,000 to over \$200,000. Several real estate offices are available. Mobile home parks provide additional accommodations. A rental properties are typically limited.

**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. 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 community supports a popular Farmer's Market during the summer. The Forest Service has an exercise room, and there is also a commercial gym business. 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.

**Recreation for Salmon and Challis Areas:** The Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, federally protected as Wild and Scenic Rivers, are renown for white-water rafting, kayaking, floating and jet boating. Outfitter and guide services are offered and both Salmon and Challis serve as gateways to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, encompassing 2.4 million acres, the largest wilderness in the United States outside of Alaska. The primitive mountain area provides spectacular and abundant hunting (white-tailed and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, bear, moose, and cougar). Many species of game birds and also waterfowl can be found. Fishing (trout and steelhead) is open virtually all year. Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling while down-hill skiing, ice fishing and other winter fun can be enjoyed nearby. Challis also is within 120 miles of the world-famed Sun Valley Ski Resort. Salmon and Challis offer hiking and wilderness walks, camping and picnicking, rock hounding, prospecting, bird watching, photography, hot springs, back-country air tours, guest ranches, mining ghost towns and museums, all adding to the immense opportunity for pleasure and adventure to be had by avid sportsmen and casual outdoor enthusiasts alike.

#### **About the Forest**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho, one of the largest National Forests in the lower 48 states. 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 and 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 the many other popular recreational pursuits. The Forest features of diverse, rough topography, geologic conditions, often severe weather conditions, and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat create a highly complex land management situation. The Headquarters Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units: Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork, Salmon-Cobalt and Leadore Ranger Districts.

**OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**  
**REPLY DUE January 12, 2014**  
Return to [jhaugh@fs.fed.us](mailto:jhaugh@fs.fed.us)

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**SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT (VRA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ PATHWAYS
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!***