

**OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
Salmon-Challis National Forest**



**ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
WG-5716-10 18/8
Reply Due: January 10, 2014**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will soon be filling a Permanent Seasonal 18/8 Engineering Equipment Operator position stationed in Salmon, Idaho. 18/8 appointments guarantee a minimum of 18 pay periods (36 weeks) of full time employment. Outreach responses will be used to assess the available candidate pool and help determine how the job will be advertised and filled.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is looking for a motivated individual with experience in all types of forest road maintenance including surface blading, culvert and bridge maintenance, sign maintenance and installation, aggregate placement and road prism repairs. The incumbent will also be responsible for the daily operation, maintenance and minor repairs of a variety of heavy equipment and trucks assigned to the work. The work involves the use of heavy trucks to haul materials and transport equipment. A Class "A" Commercial Driver's License with a tank endorsement is required for this position. The position is a *Drug Testing Designated* position and the incumbent will be subject to pre-employment and random drug testing.

The road maintenance crew also supports other disciplines on the forest and may be called upon to perform a variety of other work in addition to the basic road maintenance assignments. These assignments could include, but are not limited to, supplying equipment and labor for tasks such as helping facilities maintenance workers with waterline repairs, watershed restoration projects, construction and/or maintenance of recreation facilities, and fire support.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is a very large forest and not all work is easily commutable from the duty station. Interested candidates should be willing and prepared to work away from home on occasion. Work occurs in a variety of terrain conditions with most of the work being in steep, rugged mountains or river canyons.

This is not a supervisory position and Government Housing is not available at this time.

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 on the border with Montana 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 diverse, rough topography, geologic conditions, and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Forest Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon-Cobalt, Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts. Additional information about the Salmon-Challis National Forest may be found on our website. Visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc>.

About the Town

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, Services and Entertainment: Salmon, the county seat of Lemhi County, is a self-sufficient community with a full variety of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. In addition to basic services, there are a variety of specialty shops, art galleries, an active arts council and a twin movie theater. Salmon also has nursing and residential care facilities, hospice, Child Development Center and a spectrum of social services. Most service clubs and associations are represented. The public library offers computer and other services and there are two internet access providers.

A wide assortment of entertainment is provided by various organizations throughout the year. The Salmon Arts Council provides high-quality artistic events for the community presenting a wide range of performers in music, theater, and dance, visual art shows and sales, artist workshops, artist-in education residences and other programs for the local schools. Other celebrations include Fourth of July Salmon River Days, Spokes and Chrome Car Show, Lemhi County Fair, stock car races and the Salmon Marathon. Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, bowling alley, baseball diamonds and an outdoor community swimming pool.

Salmon has a rural character, with a population of 3300 in a county of 7800. The nearest major shopping areas are in Missoula, Montana, 140 miles north, and in Idaho Falls, Idaho, 165 miles southeast.

Outdoor Recreation in Salmon Area: The Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, federally protected as Wild and Scenic Rivers, are renowned 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 contiguous 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. There are spring and fall steelhead fishing seasons and a general trout fishing season. Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Lost Trail Powder Mountain

Ski area offers down-hill skiing only 45 minutes north of Salmon and ice fishing and other winter fun can also be enjoyed nearby. Salmon is within 180 miles of the world-famed Sun Valley Ski Resort. Salmon offers 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.

Schools: A variety of pre-schools and day-care centers are available in addition to the elementary, junior and senior high schools. The schools offer numerous extra-curricular activities and sports, and strive for quality education with creative, athletic, and scholastic achievements. Adult education classes are also offered yearly.

Housing: There are five motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. Housing prices range from approximately \$75,000 to well over \$400,000 for larger “trophy” homes. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around \$500 to \$1000. Several real estate offices are available, some with national affiliations. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds.

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, chiropractors and also specialist affiliations with the Western Montana Medical Clinic.

Churches: Salmon has an active church community with numerous churches representing a large variety of denominations.

Transportation: Cart Bus Transportation is provided for seniors and other citizens, in-city as well as to larger, distant communities. The Salmon Valley Airport provides charter air services, is equipped with an instrument landing system, and can accommodate executive jets and other small aircraft. Major commercial airports are located at Missoula, Idaho Falls, Boise, and Salt Lake City.

Further Community Information: Information can be obtained at the following websites:

- salmonidaho.com
- cityofsalmon.com
- lemhiweb.com

For more Information Contact:

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**Outreach Response Form
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Salmon, ID**

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If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Pete Schuldt**, at pschuldt@fs.fed.us. You will still need to apply for this position online in USAJOBS to be considered.

Contact Information

Name:
E-mail address:
Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:
Series:
Grade:
Position Title:
Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:
Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability
Veterans Recruitment Act (VRA)
Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
Former Peace Corp Volunteer
Other _____

Please briefly describe your qualifications for this position:

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs. Applications for this position will need to be submitted through www.USAJOBS.gov.