

OUTREACH NOTICE
USDA Forest Service, Region 4
Salmon-Challis National Forest
Forest Aviation Officer
GS-2101-09/11

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is planning to fill an Forest Aviation Officer position. The duty station is the forest headquarters in Salmon, ID. The position will be filled through a single vacancy announcement, **the vacancy announcement number has not yet been determined.**

About the Position

Series/Grade: GS-2101-09/11

Title: Forest Aviation Officer

Location: Salmon, Idaho

Tour of Duty: Permanent/ Fulltime

Housing: No Government quarters are available.

Duties

This position serves as the primary point of contact for aviation related activities on the Salmon/Challis National Forest, serves as a Level 3 Aviation COR for 5 exclusive use helicopter contracts, CWN light fixed wing, and CWN helicopter contracts. Other Duties include:

- Process Aviation Business System invoices and packages for payment for Forest contracts.
- Produce annual Forest Aviation Plan and briefing guide.
- Complete Project Aviation Safety Plans for all non-fire aviation activities on the Forest.
- Review all Safecomms on the Forest and document remedies.
- Coordinate prescribed fire, wildland fire operations and staffing on the Forest and with neighboring units.
- Coordinate annual aerial ignition refresher and helicopter manager workshops.
- Review and approve aerial ignition prescribed fire plans.
- Address performance and capability issues with pilots and aircraft as needed.
- Provide oversight and aviation resource coordination/prioritization with the aircraft desk at Central Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center.
- Ensure best cost and efficient use of aircraft resources when aviation assets are assigned.

How to Apply

All applicants must apply online at www.usajobs.gov

Interested applicants must submit the attached outreach response form to fcluff@fs.fed.us by close of business **March 15, 2013**. Those who respond to this outreach will be contacted with the announcement number when it becomes available. Please direct any questions to Fritz Cluff, Forest Fire Management Officer at 208-756-5158.

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 and the Wild and 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 recreation pursuits. It features diverse rough topography and geology, often severe weather conditions and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Forest Headquarters 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.

Salmon, Idaho

The City: 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 3300 and is the seat of Lemhi County with a population of 8000. The main industries are ranching, mining and recreation. At 4000 feet elevation, the surrounding terrain varies greatly from rolling, arid hills to steep forested slopes above 10,000 feet.

Climate: 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.

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 an art gallery. 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. There is cellular phone service and DSL.

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

Schools: A good 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.

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 scheduled commuter flights and charter services, is equipped with night-lights and can accommodate executive jets and other small aircraft. Several major airports are located within 160 miles at Missoula and Butte, Montana and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Housing: There are six motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. Typical housing prices in town range from approximately \$150,000 to over \$300,000. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around \$600. Several real estate offices are available, some with national affiliations. There are also mobile home parks and two in-

city campgrounds.

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

Entertainment and Activities: 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, juried art exhibitions, artist-in-education residences and other programs for the local schools. Other celebrations include Fourth of July Salmon River Days, the Lemhi County Fair and Sacajawea Heritage Days. Salmon also has numerous restaurants, movies theater and fitness centers. Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, a bowling alley, baseball diamonds, hockey rink and outdoor community swimming pool. The Sacajawea Interpretive and Education Center provides a variety of interpretive and education programs throughout the year focused on the rich history of the area.

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 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 more than 2.4 million acres. The primitive mountain area provides diverse hunting opportunities. Fishing (trout and steelhead) is open virtually all-year. Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling while downhill skiing, ice fishing and other winter fun can be enjoyed nearby.

Contact Information :

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

POSITION TITLE: FOREST AVIATION OFFICER

SERIES AND TARGET GRADE: GS-2101-09/11

OUTREACH OPEN THROUGH: APRIL 15, 2013

SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

Duty Station: Salmon, ID

Contact Person Name: Fritz Cluff

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NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: {USFS {BLM _____ {OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: {PERMANENT {TEMPORARY {TERM

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CURRENT: {REGION _____ {FOREST

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE,
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT AUTHORITIES?

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

VETERANS READJUSTMENT AUTHORITY

DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in working on the Salmon-Challis National Forest!