

NOTICE to Apply



Soil Scientist GS-0470-9/11 McCall, ID

The Payette National Forest is seeking candidates to fill a GS-470 Soil Scientist. Interested applicants **are encouraged to apply now**. For information, please contact Anthony Botello Krassel District Ranger 208-634-0601 or abbotello@fs.fed.us



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ABOUT THE JOB

This position will serve as a zone soil scientist on the Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts and provide oversight and program leadership of the Forest Soils program. The incumbent will supervise a hydrology technician. The Zone Soil Scientist works directly for the Krassel District Ranger and is a member of the Krassel District Staff with acting District Ranger responsibilities. Work will be assigned by the Krassel District Ranger, but projects could be on any unit on the Payette National Forest. This position is eligible for an ad hoc telework agreement.

Responsibilities include:

The position will have the responsibility for developing and executing the Forest soils program, which includes program management, participation in Forest and Zone interdisciplinary teams (ID Teams) and collaborative groups, soils baseline data collection, project analysis, and implementation monitoring and reporting across the Forest. Projects requiring soils expertise on the West Zone of the Forest include landscape scale collaborative watershed restoration projects and rangeland management. On the East Zone of the Forest soils and hydrology expertise is needed for minerals exploration, recreation, and watershed restoration projects.

The position will provide hydrologist expertise for the East Zone including participation in ID Teams, NEPA analysis, implementation monitoring and reporting, and supervision of a permanent hydrology technician. The position would work closely with the Zone Fisheries Biologist to help identify, plan, and implement watershed restoration projects in partnership with the Tribal and other partners.

Important evaluation criteria that will be assessed during the selection process are related education, skills and knowledge related to development, implementation, and administration of plans, programs, and methodology connected with Watershed & Soil management.

This position may require working in remote locations on the Payette National Forest, staying in Forest Service Work Centers. This work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry in the summer to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered.

The incumbent will work to plan and implement projects through the BAER program.

ABOUT THE PAYETTE

The Payette National Forest spans over 2.3 million acres of beautiful west-central Idaho. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The Forest has a long history of timber management, range utilization, mineral exploration, fire management, and wilderness management. The Forest is also home to the McCall Smokejumper program. Several large wildfire events in recent years have altered the Payette's landscape. Between 2000 and 2007, 869,000 acres burned across the Forest. The Forest is focusing on restoration efforts on the 900,000 acre Weiser River & Little Salmon River watersheds. The Krassel and McCall Ranger Districts collectively manage over 1.5 million or about 2/3 the acres of the Payette National Forest.

More information on the Payette National Forest is available at: www.fs.usda.gov/payette.

ABOUT MCCALL

[McCall, Idaho](#) is a small mountain town (5,013' elevation) located around spectacular Payette Lake. The population is 2,924 but swells much higher during the summer months and during [Winter Carnival](#), as McCall is a vacation destination for many Boise residents and other parts of the Northwest. The Forest, local hospital, public schools, and a mining company are the largest employers in Valley County. Payette Lake provides plenty of swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities in the summer. In the winter, it's all about the snow, whether it be downhill skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, soaking in the hot springs, or joining your co-workers in building the traditional Forest Service snow sculpture for Winter Carnival. There is a Forest sponsored day care center in McCall.

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