

OUTREACH NOTICE



(Big Trinity Lake Campground, Photo taken August 2014)

USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region (R-4)
Boise National Forest
Mountain Home Ranger District
And
Idaho City Ranger District
2 Recreation Technician, GS-0462-07

The Boise National Forest will soon be advertising a permanent, full-time Recreation and Trails Technician, GS-0462-07. The duty station for these positions are in the communities of Mountain Home and Idaho City, Idaho. The announcement for this position will be advertised on USAJOBS. Consideration of lower grade levels will be noted based on outreach response.

THE POSITION

These positions are supervised by the District Recreation Manager. These positions act as assistant Recreation Technicians for the developed and dispersed recreation and trail programs on the Mountain Home and Idaho City Districts. They will supervise and lead seasonal crews in implementing recreation/trail program projects and objectives. Recreation on the Mountain Home and Idaho City Districts is year-round. Both districts have a large snowmobile and cross-country skiing trails program in the winter. Summer recreation is primarily developed and dispersed camping, hiking, biking, fishing, rafting, and lake based activities. The districts receive moderate to high level OHV use and coordination with user groups on trail maintenance and visitor education projects.

The incumbents should have good communication and organization skills; the ability to work independently as well as with a team. Will be expected to assist with the daily operations and maintenance of the developed and dispersed recreation sites, day use areas, motorized and non-motorized trail systems, and daily winter operations. Primary responsibilities of the Recreation Technician include maintaining recreation facilities, assisting the public, and enforcing area rules and regulations. This includes maintenance of all tools and equipment necessary to perform the

duties of the job. The incumbent will conduct routine recreation area patrols; contact the public regarding general forest information and compliance with regulations, assist with hazard tree reduction, and drinking water quality testing.

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

The Boise National Forest's vast landscape spans over 2.6 million acres of diverse forest and grassland across five ranger districts. Elevations vary greatly, from 2,800 feet in the North Fork Payette River Canyon to nearly 10,000 feet atop Steel Mountain. This wide range of elevations encompasses a great diversity of geologic features. Geologically the Forest is dominated by granitic rock, with inclusions of basalts to the west, and volcanic rock to the south, much of it falls within the Idaho Batholith.

Major mountain ranges include the Boise, Salmon River and West Mountain ranges featuring steep slopes of coarse-textured soils that readily take in and transmit water. Unless these soils are disturbed, surface run-off is rare except during high intensity storms or rain on snow events.

The Forest has an estimated 9,600 miles of perennial and intermittent streams, and 15,400 acres of lakes and reservoirs. Major river systems on the Forest are the Salmon, Payette and Boise. Most of the land supports an evergreen forest that includes pure or mixed stands of ponderosa pine, grand fir, Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, Lodgepole pine and subalpine fir.

MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT

The Mountain Home Ranger District encompasses approximately 650,000 acres in the Southern part of the Boise National Forest. It is located in close proximity to Boise, and includes administration of capitol city Front Range lands. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include Mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey and Ruffed grouse.

There are about 20 permanent employees and the District typically hires additional seasonal employees. The scenery is very diverse and mountainous transitioning from desert at the lower elevations, through ponderosa and Douglas-fir forest, to high alpine (9700 feet). The highest drivable point in Idaho is located on the district at Trinity Lookout.

The District and nearby areas provide a diversity of recreation opportunities including 20 plus lakes, Anderson Ranch and Arrowrock Reservoirs, Bogus Basin Ski Area, Rocky Bar Historic Mining District, Danskin Mountain OHV area, Trinity Mountain Recreation area, South and Middle Fork Boise Rivers all fall within the district boundaries.

IDAHO CITY RANGER DISTRICT

The Idaho City District manages just over 400,000 acres of the 2.6 million acre Boise National Forest, one of five districts on the Boise, there are about 40 permanent employees and more than 50 seasonal employees. Activities managed on the District are diverse and include vegetation management, mining, fire management, fuels reduction (WUI and non-WUI), recreation, watershed and fisheries restoration, range, wildlife, engineering and special uses.

The District receives high visibility due to its close proximity to Boise, the capitol city of Idaho. Several beautiful pristine rivers flow through the District offering some of the best strongholds of bull trout habitat in SW Idaho. Trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and motorized activities are abundant and provide for numerous opportunities in the mild season. With relatively heavy snows and long winters, the District is a destination for many cross country skiers and snowmobilers with abundant ski and snowmobile trails.

BOISE, Idaho - Community Information

Boise is situated where the high desert meets the western edge of the Rocky Mountains. As the state capitol and largest city in the State, Boise is a full-service community. The Boise metropolitan area's economy is strong with many dual career opportunities, including a wide variety of federal agencies within easy driving distance, and many private sector job opportunities. Schools in the Boise area generally rank above both Idaho and National averages. There are several institutions of higher learning in the area, including Boise State University. Health care facilities and churches are widely available. Entertainment opportunities abound in Boise and the metropolitan area, with a wide array of restaurants, dinner theaters, museums, and sports-and-music venues. Additional information can be found on the Boise Chamber of Commerce website <http://www.boisechamber.com/>

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho - Community Information

Mountain Home is located between the Danskin and Owyhee Mountains in southwest Idaho with a population of over 15,000 and is the county seat for Elmore County. The Mountain Home Air Force Base located 10 miles west of town contributes considerably to the diversity of the community and its economy. Mountain Home has a strong sense of family values and community, as evidenced in our local events, including Air Force Appreciation Day, one of the Idaho's largest parades. Mountain Home is a continually growing community that maintains a small town feel.

The Snake River, as well as the remote and secluded Bruneau Canyon area is located south of Mountain Home. Visitors and residents alike enjoy our abundant local recreational activities including hiking, camping, fishing, backpacking, motorcycle and snowmobile trails and hunting to name a few. The Mountain Home School District is located in Mountain Home, ID and includes 9 schools that serve 4,127 students in grades PK through 12. Additional information can be found on the websites located below.

<http://mountainhomechamber.com/index.html>

<http://www.mountain-home.us/cityhall/>

<http://www.elmorecounty.org/>

Idaho City- Community Information

Located 40 miles to the east of Boise, Idaho City is a quaint, historic mountain community of approximately 400. Idaho City is the county seat of Boise County with tourism and timber as the primary industries. Idaho City is not a full service community, but does offer the following services on a year round basis: one small grocery store and many small shops along Main Street with preserved historic buildings from the mining era of the 1860's. Boise offers the services and amenities of the largest city in Idaho. Many District employees commute from Boise daily. The

population of Boise is approximately 170,000, with an additional 230,000 in the surrounding metropolitan area. An international airport, shopping, colleges, and universities, and a variety of cultural and sporting events are readily accessible and available. Government housing in Idaho City might be available.

Idaho City Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.idahocitychamber.com/>

Boise Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.boisechamber.org>

Community Profile: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Idaho-City-Idaho.html>

Weather: <http://www.wunderground.com/US/ID/Idaho%20City.html>

Housing

Government housing is not available in Mountain Home. However, there are numerous homes available for rent or purchase in the local area and in nearby Boise, approximately 40 miles from the District office. A typical 3-be/2 bath single family home in Mountain Home Idaho, costs and average of \$120,000, with rental properties ranging from \$500-\$1,000 per month.

Government Housing in Idaho City maybe available.

Schools

Mountain Home includes 4 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools and 2 high schools. Boise State University is located in the capital city of Boise. Several private universities and a community college are within a reasonable commuting distance

Idaho City is home to-Boise Basin public school (K-12) with approximately 300 students

Churches

Churches representing several denominations can be found within the local commuting

Additional Information

If you are interested in working as part of the Mountain Home Recreation/Trails Organization and would like more information, contact Wintauna Belt, District Recreation Manager at (208) 587-7861, or e-mail at wbelt@fs.fed.us .

If you are interested in working as part of the Idaho City Recreation/ Trails Organization contact Megan Impson (208) 392-3733 mimpson@fs.fed.us

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NAME: _____

IBM or INTERNET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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 REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN THIS POSITION.

- _____ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!