

## **OUTREACH NOTICE**



# Forestry Technician (Recreation) GS-0462-05 McCall, ID

The Payette National Forest is seeking candidates to fill a GS-0462-05, temporary seasonal Lands Team Assistant. Interested applicants should contact Rebecca Havens, Payette National Forest, McCall Ranger District at 208-634-0416 or rahavens@fs.fed.us, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm between Sept. 13th, 2018 and October 10th, 2018. This outreach notice will be updated when the actual vacancy announcement opening and closing dates have been established in USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov).



### **ABOUT THE JOB**

The Lands Special Uses Team works across the entire Payette National Forest. A special use permit is the instrument that authorizes long-term private use of National Forest System lands. These permits authorize uses such as a water diversion, powerlines and their maintenance access roads, communication sites, and grazing facilities to name a few of the permitted uses on the Payette National Forest.

These sites require an annual inspection to ensure that the site is being maintained and used within their authorized capacity. This is the primary purpose of the Lands Team Assistant seasonal position.

The Lands Team Assistant's primary duties include:

- Physically inspecting, via driving and/or hiking, permit sites.
- Preparing reports to record the condition of permitted sites by providing pictures, obtaining GIS info, and documenting any trespass or non-permitted use.
- Performing monthly vehicle inspections, ensuring timely vehicle maintenance is performed, and preparing a monthly fleet report.
- Working with forest GIS staffs to ensure information gained during field inspections is properly saved and made available to forest resource staffs.
- Preparing correspondence to be shared with permit holders. •

Normal working hours for the position are Monday-Thursday, 0700 to 1200 and 1230 to 1730. Some flexibility in days and hours will be required for seasonal training and occasional overnight camping when inspecting the more remote permit locations.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Government Housing is not available.

## ABOUT THE PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

The Payette National Forest contains some of Idaho's most beautiful and diverse country. Located north of Boise in west-central Idaho, the 2.3 million acre forest extends 100 miles west to east, from Hells Canyon to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The forest stretches 70 miles between the Main Salmon River to the north and the Weiser River to the south. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The current Forest priorities are:

- Landscape Restoration focusing on working with collaborative groups to accomplish landscapescale restoration in the Weiser River and Little Salmon watersheds, which will improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as provide local employment through stewardship contracting.
- **Recreation Management** supporting developed and dispersed recreation opportunities during both summer and winter seasons across the Forest, stewardship of the Payette's portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, and providing outstanding public service.
- **Rangeland Management** managing for sustainable rangeland resources such as soil, water and native vegetation while administering livestock grazing permits and monitoring to maintain separation between domestic sheep and bighorn sheep during the grazing season
- Minerals Management of significant minerals projects and the numerous smaller minerals development projects.
- Wildland Fire Preparedness including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

We hope you will consider the Payette National Forest as your future home for career and recreation. More information on the Payette National Forest is available at: <u>*mmm.fs.usda.gov/payette*</u>.



## ABOUT MCCALL

McCall, located in Valley County, lies 90 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55. Sitting at 5,000 feet, it occupies the south shore of beautiful Payette Lake. The population swells from 3,200 to 10-20,000 in the summer during the peak of tourist season and in the winter during the annual Winter Carnival celebration. Total snowfall is over 10 feet, allowing McCall to boast some of the best winter recreation in the state, with snowmobiling, sledding, Nordic and downhill skiing. Brundage and Tamarack Resorts are within a short

drive. Summer is shorter than at lower elevations but is ideal, with daytime temperatures in the 70-80s, and a few days in the 90s. Payette Lake provides plenty of swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities in the summer; a state park and adjacent Forest lands provide ample hiking, running and biking trails. Sunshine is common in all seasons. Access to the expansive and remote Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness are located nearby.

McCall is a full-service community that fills most needs. It has a regional hospital, an integrative health clinic, dentists, chiropractors, and optometrists. McCall also has several service stations, two grocery stores, motels, banks, lumber yards, a variety of restaurants, coffee shops, a wide variety of shopping, daycare centers (including a Forest-sponsored daycare), a public and a private golf course and an airport. Numerous churches are located in the surrounding area.

The community has an excellent grade school, new middle school, a high school that serves both Donnelly and McCall, and an alternative school. Numerous extra-curricular activities and electives are available. There is a strong winter sports program, with both downhill and Nordic after school ski programs. For more information: <u>http://www.mdsd.org/</u>

The Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office, and McCall and Krassel Ranger District offices are located in McCall. Several Fire and Aviation facilities and programs are also located in McCall including the Payette Fire Cache, Payette Dispatch Center, McCall Smokejumper Base, McCall Helibase and the McCall Airtanker Base. Average housing cost is in the \$250,000 to \$350,000 range. Rentals are available from \$700 to \$1,200/month. Government Housing is not available in McCall.

Communities close to McCall include New Meadows and Riggins to the north, Council to the southwest, and Donnelly and Cascade to the south. All are within an hour's drive of McCall.

#### For more information about living the dream in McCall, visit these websites:

McCall Public Schools McCall Chamber of Commerce Ponderosa State Park Brundage Mountain Resort McCall Area Snowmobilers McCall Golf Club McCall weather averages <u>St. Luke's Hospital McCall</u> <u>City of McCall</u> <u>The Star News</u> <u>Little Ski Hill and Bear Basin Nordic Center</u> <u>Manchester Ice and Event Center</u> <u>McCall Wikipedia page</u>

#### CONTACT

Interested applicants should contact Rebecca Havens, Payette National Forest, McCall RD, 208-634-0416, <u>rahavens@fs.fed.us</u> For information about how to apply for a federal job, the salary, or job series, visit the US Office of Personnel Management website.