Outreach Notice

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
Permanent Full-Time

Boise-Payette Timber Strike Team
A Resource for the Idaho-Wyoming National Forests
of Region 4

GS-0460-7/9 Forester – Timber Sale Preparation – Two (2) PFT positions

Ever wanted to lead within a new organization and develop a team to accomplish vegetation management objectives? Work with experienced timber staff to accelerate restoration on six national forests? Live in a great four-season community with every form of outdoor recreation imaginable and a cultural hub for art, music, theater, and dining? Look no further, the Boise National Forest, is waiting for you!

Introduction
The Boise National Forest will advertise to fill two (2) GS-0460-7/9 Forester's to serve as project leaders supervising field crews of permanent seasonal employees for the Boise-Payette Timber Strike Team.

This is a unique group within the Forest Service that provides employees with valuable operational forestry skills. Team members have an opportunity to see how vegetation management is applied across different Forest programs, network with other forestry professionals, and explore landscapes throughout the Intermountain Region.

Transfer of Station is authorized. Relocation/Recruitment Incentive may be authorized up to 25% of base salary for a 2 year commitment. Final determination will be made at the time of selection.

Vacancy announcement will open on USAJOBS for the positions: Forester, GS-0460-7/9 (Merit, for status applicants only); Forester GS-0460-7 with promotion potential to GS-0460-9 (Demo, open to all applicants). Respondents to the outreach will be notified when the positions are advertised.

For additional information about the duties of this position, please contact Patrick (Shaun) O’Connor at 208-373-4152 or email patrick.s.oconnor@usda.gov. The Boise National Forest may also use this outreach notice to fill other vacant GS-0460-7/9 forestry positions if needed.

The Boise-Payette Timber Strike Team
The Intermountain Region is investing in a Timber Strike Team to provide additional timber staffing capacity to meet accelerated restoration targets for the R4 Idaho-Wyoming National Forests: the Boise, Payette, Sawtooth, Salmon-Challis, Caribou-Targhee, and Bridger-Teton National Forests.
The majority of the projected work for the team will occur on the Boise and Payette National Forests. Most work locations will be within 2-3 hours of Boise. The team may be assigned to any of the other four forests as needed. The team will work in concert with the existing timber staff to accomplish their annual program of work.

The team will focus mostly on timber sale preparation but will also be available for timber project design, appraisal, and contract preparation and administration. Team members would generally not be available for fire suppression or prescribed burning except to maintain qualifications.

Travel is required for these positions. On an annual basis, 50 – 75 percent of time is estimated to be spent in travel status. Travel time is compensated at standard per diem rates (standard Idaho rate = $55/day) in addition to standard salary.

The standard work schedule will be a compressed 4-10 (eight consecutive 10 hour days with six days off). Work on Sundays is compensated with Sunday Premium Pay (25% increase). Alternate schedules will be utilized for project work considered local to Boise such as a regular 4-10 (four 10-hour days each week) or a maxiflex schedule.

The Team Leader (GS-0460-11) reports to the Boise NF Timber Program Manager. Supervisory duties will be added to position descriptions once the full GS-0460-9 performance level is reached. Under the Team Leader the two (2) Project Leaders (GS-0460-7/9) will each supervise up to 4 permanent seasonal (18-8) crew members (GS-0462-5/6/7) that are expected to be advertised in the winter of FY 2020. Supervision of temporary seasonal employees may also be required. The team should be operational by summer FY 2020.

The duties of the project leader will include but are not limited to: coordination of project work with forest clients and resource specialists, planning and arranging for the resources needed to complete the layout of timber sales, area determination and cruising, cruise design, timber sale contract preparation and appraisal, crew training and development, and supervising crew work during the timber sale layout process.

The duty station is Boise, Idaho. This location is a full service community and should facilitate reasonable access to any of the six Forests. For project work, crews would stay in government quarters or hotels near the project areas.

BOISE COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Boise National Forest is located in west central Idaho, north and east of the capitol city of Boise. The Supervisor’s Office is located in Boise. The Forest is comprised of five ranger districts – Mountain Home, Idaho City, Cascade, Lowman, and Emmett—with district offices located in each of those towns. The Forest is within the Intermountain Region (Region 4) of the Forest Service, USDA.

Located along the Boise River and nestled against the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Boise offers many outdoor activities to local residents: skiing at Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Ski Resort, hiking and biking trails on the Boise River Greenbelt and Boise foothills, boating at nearby reservoirs. The Boise area has desert, rivers, mountains, and lakes for hiking, camping, kayaking, river rafting, hunting, and fishing. Boise also boasts a vibrant and diverse downtown experience.

The City of Trees boasts one-of-a-kind museums and urban parks. Among the many unique sites to visit are the Basque Museum and Cultural Center; Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial; Idaho Black History Museum; Old Idaho State Penitentiary; World Center for Birds of Prey; Boise City Zoo; Idaho
Botanical Garden; Boise Art Museum; Boise Train Depot; Idaho Historical Museum; Idaho Military History Museum; and the Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology.

Boise is home to Boise State University, the state's largest university with an enrollment of over 19,500 students, as well as 34 public grade schools, 9 junior high public schools, and 5 public high schools. Private schools and charter schools are also available. See http://www.boiseschools.org/, http://www.meridianschools.org/, or http://www.boisestate.edu/ for more information. Boise hosts the following sport’s teams: BSU Broncos (college), Hawks (minor league baseball), Idaho Steelheads (ECHL), Idaho Stampede (NBA D League).

There are multiple medical facilities available including St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, and Boise VA Medical Center. See http://www.thecityofboise.com/hospitals/index.html, for more information.


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**Additional Websites:**

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in applying for this position and want to receive updates of the position’s status, please complete the attached outreach form and send electronically to Patrick (Shaun) O’Connor at patrick.s.oconnor@usda.gov.

Location: Region 4, Boise National Forest, Boise, Idaho

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name:
Address:
e-Mail Address:
Phone:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes:
Current title/series/grade:
Current agency and location:
Type of Appointment:
    Permanent ☐ Term ☐ Temporary ☐

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:
☐ Person with Disabilities
☐ Disabled veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
☐ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1988
☐ Veterans Recruitment Act
☐ Former Peace Corps
☐ Volunteer
☐ Pathways Intern – Indefinite
☐ Other:

Attach Resume or Provide Brief description of experience: