

OUTREACH NOTICE – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

River Ranger on the Wild & Scenic Main Salmon River

Nez Perce National Forest, Salmon River Ranger District



The Nez Perce National Forest is planning to fill one Permanent Seasonal position as a GS-0462-06/07. The position will be located at the Slate Creek Ranger Station, White Bird, ID. The purpose of this Notice is to inform potential candidates.

ABOUT THE POSITION

Series/Grade/Title: GS-462-06/07 Recreation Technician (River Ranger) or Wilderness Technician (River).

Compensation and Benefits: Salary starts at approximately \$16.73 to \$18.59 per hour depending upon grade selected. The incumbent is eligible for full benefits including health insurance and a retirement plan.

Location: Salmon River Ranger District, located near White Bird, Idaho.

Tour of Duty: A guaranteed minimum tour of 13 two week pay periods per year, typically from May through October.

Housing: Government housing may be available at the Salmon River Ranger District offices (located near White Bird, Idaho).

The Position Duties Include:

The incumbent serves as the lead boatman and is responsible for the management and operation of the Salmon River Boat Patrol. Conducts surveys and studies of existing, dispersed, developed and river recreation facilities and their present use and demand.

Recommends to supervisor potential sites for additional recreation use and planned development with suggested priorities for development; preparation of environmental analysis reports; and inspection of associated construction projects for adherence to site plans and design.

Monitors permit compliance for upward of 50 commercial river outfitters in regards to use permit, operating plan, and public service. Inspects private recreation uses for compliance with terms of use permits. Performs inspections to ensure compliance of private landowners involved in scenic easements along the 79-mile wild section of the Main Salmon River.

Administers the river recreation program, submits periodic reports and updates to the District Recreation Staff.

Compiles needed information and prepares annual work plans. Provides information needed by supervisor to develop long term plans for the river recreation program management.

The incumbent coordinates and leads volunteer programs for river patrol during the six-month rafting season.

Other duties include, but are not limited to, the following: Assists with the river recreation facilities, signing program and other dispersed recreation duties on an as needed basis. Performs weed management related tasks such as inventory, monitoring, and eradication. Assists with trail work and wilderness ranger duties when needed.

The Successful Applicant will:

- Have well-developed river floating skills including navigation, rescue, and safety suitable for class III-IV whitewater
- Have strong problem-solving skills
- Be interested in, enthusiastic about, and skilled in Wild River and Wilderness management
- Enjoy working with the public and volunteers including all types of Wilderness visitors: floaters, jet-boaters, backpackers, hunters, stock users, and aviators
- Be an effective communicator
- Have strong data collection, documentation, and organizational skills

ABOUT THE LOCATION

The Salmon River Ranger District covers roughly 450,000 acres of National Forest System Lands on the Nez Perce National Forest. The District office is located at the Slate Creek Ranger Station, 304 Slate Creek Rd, White Bird, ID on Highway 95 at mile post 214, across from the Salmon River and between the communities of White Bird (approx. 10 miles to the North) and Riggins (approx. 18 miles to the South). The closest large town is Grangeville, ID (approx. 28 miles to the North) where the Forest Supervisor's Office is located. The District is bounded by the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (Region Six) to the west and the Payette National Forest (Region Four) to the south.

The economy of the area is based primarily on agriculture, including livestock grazing, timber harvest, and recreation (especially for Riggins). The city of Riggins was a timber dependent community until the lumber mill burned and was not rebuilt. They have successfully transitioned to a recreation-based community and have become known as the whitewater capitol of the world with several river related outfitter guide operations headquartered in Riggins.

Look up the local Chambers of Commerce for more information on the nearest towns.

<http://www.rigginsidaho.com> <http://www.whitebirdidaho.com> <http://www.grangevilleidaho.com>

The District co-manages the Gospel-Hump Wilderness with the neighboring District to the east. It also co-manages the 79-miles of the Wild and Scenic Salmon River corridor through the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness through a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Payette, Salmon/Challis, Boise, Bitterroot, and Nez Perce National Forests.

The District has one of the most active programs in fire and fuels in Region One. The District was instrumental in forming the Salmon River Weed Management Area – a first in the State of Idaho – that teams private landowners, Idaho County, the State and other agencies in the war against noxious weeds. The District manages a heavy recreation workload primarily associated with river use that includes whitewater rafting and jet boating. The District provides a full range of opportunities for trail users. The District is also home to several listed plants, animals, and fish and is actively pursuing projects to aid in the recovery of listed species.

Nez Perce National Forest

The Nez Perce National Forest is located in the heart of north-central Idaho. It stretches from the Oregon border on the west to the Montana border on the east; and is roughly bounded by the Selway River drainage on the north to the Salmon River on the south. It is located entirely within Idaho County and comprises approximately 50% of the entire county land base. The Nez Perce National Forest consists of 2.2 million acres of beautiful and diverse land.

For more information about the Nez Perce National Forest visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/>

If you are interested in this position, return the information requested below by May 3rd, 2012 to:

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Salmon River Ranger District OR by e-mail at: [jrharis02@fs.fed.us](mailto:jrharris02@fs.fed.us)
304 Slate Creek Road
White Bird, ID 83554

Information submitted is not an application for the position. Additional information will be provided later regarding the application procedure.

Please provide:

- **Personal contact information including name, address, phone, and email.**
- **Whether or not you are currently a Federal employee. If so, your current title, series, grade, location, and type of appointment.**
- **A brief description of why you are interested in this position and why you will be a highly qualified candidate.**
- **Your resume including work experience and river floating qualifications. Resumes do not need to be limited to one page.**

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