Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation)
GS-0462-05/06/07 Temporary Appointment (1039)
Outreach open date: December 23, 2013 Outreach Close Date: January 24, 2014

The Payette National Forest is outreaching for up to fourteen temporary forestry technicians, at three different grade levels located in New Meadows or Council, Idaho at the New Meadows or Council Ranger Districts. These may include two GS-0462-07 Timber Sale Preparation Crew Foremen, two GS-0462-06 Timber Sale Preparation Crew Assistant Foreman, and ten GS-0462-05 Timber Sale Preparation Crew members. All positions will report to New Meadows Ranger District or Council Ranger District but may work anywhere on the Payette National Forest. Applicants must be physically fit and at least 18 years of age. These positions will generally start in late May and last to November (funding and weather dependent). It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible, as hiring will begin as early as January 24, 2014.

For additional information on the positions:
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How to Apply: In order to be considered for this position, applicants must apply online at www.usajobs.gov. Announcement numbers have not been generated at this time, so interested applicants should send their contact information to Jeremy/Charlie or set-up a job search agent in USA Jobs https://www.usajobs.gov/Content/pdfs/Saved%20Searches.pdf. When applying, be sure to select New Meadows, ID and/or Council, ID as the duty station. Prospective applicants must have their applications in by the closing date listed above in order to be considered for the position.

For additional help with the application process or job information, you may also contact the FS Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248. For a How to Apply on USAJOBS guide visit: www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/USAJOBS_Instructions.pdf.

Description of Duties Common to all Grade levels:
Work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick, tangled vegetation. Conditions range from very hot and dry to extremely cold and wet. Rain,
snow, wind, dust, or smoke may be encountered. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles and hardhats. Travel may be required for training or assignments. Government housing may be available.

**Description of GS-05 Duties:**
The primary duties are in timber sale preparation. The incumbent independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest, takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality and determines defect. Incumbent traverses harvest unit boundaries using handheld GPS units or compass and laser. Preference will be given to applicants who are certified as a Region 4 Qualified Cruiser. Other duties may include, but are not limited to, taking Forest Inventory Plots, or assisting in fire suppression assignments.

**Description of GS-06 Duties:**
The primary duties are timber sale preparation duties including timber marking, timber cruising and sale layout as well as assisting the Crew Foreman with supervising the crew when the Foreman is unavailable. The incumbent conducts timber cruises and surveys within varying stand conditions to locate and estimate the quantity of timber on a given area, according to species, type, and quality. The incumbent estimates volume, defect, and quality of timber in a given area. The incumbent brings forward situations where specific prescriptions do not fit ground conditions. The incumbent marks trees using marking rules in areas complicated by variations in type, species composition, defect, site, age, class, etc. The incumbent prepares area maps, marks unit boundaries, and uses GPS to record boundary locations. The incumbent summarizes cruising and marking data, and prepares reports and topographic maps indicating quantity of timber, condition of area, difficulties to be encountered, etc. Preference will be given to applicants who are certified as a Region 4 Qualified Cruiser. Other duties may include, but are not limited to, taking Forest Inventory Plots, harvest and service contract inspections, or assisting in fire suppression assignments.

**Description of GS-07 Duties:**
This is a supervisory position established to supervise a timber sale preparation crew of two to six people performing timber sale preparation duties including timber marking, timber cruising, and sale layout. The incumbent interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber and brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground which are inconsistent with the prescription or marking guide.

The incumbent provides field instruction to apprentice cruisers in fundamental timber measuring practices, cruise methods, and techniques. Preference will be given to applicants who are certified as a Region 4 Qualified Cruiser.

The incumbent lays out timber sale boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments and other instruction, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management, silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource considerations. A working knowledge of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) is preferred as the incumbent will be relied upon to assist lower grade employees with interpreting aerial photos, traversing unit boundaries and other features.

As Crew Foreman, the incumbent provides leadership, and technical and administrative supervision to employees engaged in timber sale prep activites. The incumbent may be responsible to conduct tailgate safety sessions and ensure crew work is conducted safely. The incumbent may assign duties to individuals based on their training and experience and must be able to explain work requirements and instructions.
Other duties may include, but are not limited to, taking Forest Inventory Plots, harvest and service contract inspections, or assisting in fire suppression assignments.

**Payette National Forest Information:** The Payette National Forest spans 2.3 million acres of rugged, timbered and remote land in west-central Idaho, and is bordered by two of the deepest canyons in North America—the Salmon River Canyon on the north and the Hells Canyon of the Snake River on the west. The topography is characterized by rough mountains, deep canyons, mountain meadows, rivers and streams, high mountain lakes, and wilderness. One can easily access hot, desert-like areas as well as heavily-forested alpine regions through an extensive system of Forest roads and trails. The Forest has five ranger districts which offer a wealth of year-round recreation and tourism opportunities. Popular pursuits include fishing, hunting, berry picking, Nordic and alpine skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, whitewater kayaking, rafting, rock climbing and hiking. The Supervisor's Office, McCall, and Krassel District offices are located in McCall, ID, with the New Meadows District office located 12 miles to the west and the Council District being 36 miles to the southwest. There is also an office in Weiser, Idaho.


**Community Information:**
For information on New Meadows, Council or the surrounding towns please refer to the following websites.


[http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/](http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/)

[http://www.councilidaho.net/](http://www.councilidaho.net/)