

It is that time of year again and we are starting to advertise our temporary positions for forestry technician work on the Payette National Forest in central Idaho. Last year we were unable to hire **any** temporary positions likely due to more jobs being available than there are applicants. I am hoping to hire several folks this season. We are planning on working on two to three timber sales this summer and the majority of the work would be marking harvest unit boundaries, using Trimble GPS devices to traverse unit boundaries, measuring riparian buffer strips, cut/leave tree marking to a determined silvicultural prescription and assisting with or doing timber cruising (depends on the grade level hired at). The Gs-6 position will likely help with harvest unit inspection on active timber contracts. Depending on burn windows and fire activity, incumbents may have the opportunity to assist with prescribed fire and fire suppression activities. The Payette is one of the larger timber producing forests in Region 4 and our annual timber target is approximately 50,000 CCF (25 MMBF).

All of temporary hiring takes place through USAJOBS (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>). Applicants should be able to search by the announcement number or duty station (New Meadows, ID) to find these positions. Employees earn holiday pay, annual leave, and sick leave and are eligible for health insurance.

Title	Grade	Hourly Rate	Announcement #	Open	Closes
Forestry Aid (general)	GS-3	\$12.74	18-TEMP-R4-FAID-3DT-ME	1/19/2018	1/25/2018
Forestry Tech (timber sale prep)	GS-4	\$14.30	18-TEMP-R4-FTTSP-4DT-ME	1/18/2018	1/24/2018
Forestry Tech (timber sale prep)	GS-5	\$16.00	18-TEMP-R4-FTTSP-5DT-ME	1/17/2018	1/23/2018
Forestry Tech (timber sale prep)	GS-6	\$17.84	18-TEMP-R4-FTTSP-6DT-ME	1/11/2018	1/17/2018

If folks are interested in going the Idaho Conservation Corp route (<http://idahocc.org/ourprograms/ConservationInterns>) we plan on having at least one intern in timber and likely two in silviculture.

Finally, there is a permanent seasonal GS-4/5 in Council, Idaho currently being advertised (both merit and demo) and closes on January 16th. The announcement number for demo (open to the public) is 18-0412-435006DP-RJ.