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Sawtooth National Forest
Timber sale prep • sale admin • Silviculture •
The Sawtooth National Forest is looking for talented people to join our professional and diverse workforce for the 2021 field season. If you are looking for a rewarding job relating to forestry and the people who enjoy our National Forests, this is an opportunity for you.

The Sawtooth National Forest is advertising temporary employment positions to work on the Sawtooth Timber Crew during the summer of 2021. The crew assists with the preparation and administration of timber sales as well as various forest health and timber stand improvement projects. Individuals working on the Sawtooth National Forest Timber Crew can expect to work outdoors every day in a variety of weather conditions. Applicants must be physically fit and at least 18 years of age. The positions usually start in mid-May and may extend into mid-November and may be based out of Stanley or Ketchum as needed to prepare timber sales. The jobs will require overnight travel to other locations on the Sawtooth National Forest and may involve short periods of camping.

Forestry Aid / Technician (Timber sale prep)

Positions: GS-0462-03/04/05

The GS-03 aid position works as a member of the timber crew primarily assigned to prepare timber sales. Work varies from marking timber sales, assisting in timber cruising, operating GPS technology, and data recording. The individual will work with the timber crew and utilize technical forestry equipment for measuring timber. The incumbent will be expected to have a general background in working outdoors and working with people.

The GS-04/05 Forestry Technician positions will primarily assist with the preparation of timber sales as well as harvest inspection when needed. The incumbents will be expected to have a general background in forestry relating to forest management or timber sale preparation. A combination of work experience and education may suffice for experience at the GS-05 pay grade. The positions will be expected to interpret tree marking and timber cruising guides, be able to operate GPS technology, and produce quality timber measurements while working on a crew in various weather and terrain conditions.
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Additional duties of the GS-04/05 Forestry Technician positions include:

- Training and certification as a Region 4 Qualified Timber Cruiser; incumbent will attend Qualified Timber Cruiser Training and take the written and field exam
- Monitoring and implementation of projects relating to bark beetles, forest health, and hazard trees
- Making contact with timber sale purchasers, loggers, and members of the public interested in forest management activities

In addition, the opportunity to attend Basic Wildland Firefighter courses and/or to assist in wildland fire management and suppression may occur as needed to assist Sawtooth National Forest Fire Staff.

Community Information

Ketchum, Idaho
Ketchum is a 4 season resort community located in the heart of the Wood River Valley. The communities of Hailey, Bellevue and Sun Valley lie within close commuting distance to the city of Ketchum. The Wood River Valley is a full service area, with an excellent school system serving grades K-12. Medical services exist in both Hailey and Ketchum, in addition to one hospital and numerous medical clinics offering many types of specialized physicians. Shopping exist for all necessary goods, and can be done locally. In addition to the resort atmosphere at Sun Valley, the local area provides many cultural events including top musical artists, sporting events and art/music festivals. World Class outdoor recreation opportunities exist generally within 30-45 minutes of anyone living in the valley and include; alpine skiing and snowboarding on the legendary Sun Valley Resort “Bald Mountain”, over 160 kilometers of Nordic ski trails, thousands of acres of snowmobiling opportunities, hundreds of miles of single track mountain biking, hiking and motorcycle trails, incredible fishing opportunities in the Salmon River, Big Wood, Big Lost and world famous Silver Creek and excellent bird and big game hunting opportunities.

Stanley, Idaho
Stanley is a remote rural community with a base population of 100, located at the foothills of the awesome Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities; hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, white water rafting and kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures, and cross country skiing. The climate can be extreme. Snow may extend from November through mid-May with temperatures dropping to -20(F) degrees for a week or so in January. The area has a year round Medical Clinic staffed with an on-call physician’s assistance. Major medical services are available 60 miles south in Ketchum, Idaho, or 120 miles southwest in Boise. The same distances apply for shopping for other than basic grocery items. There are several sporting goods shops and good restaurants open in the summer months.

How to Apply

You can apply for any of these positions at: www.usajobs.gov. This is the Federal Governments Official Jobs Site. Through the announcement you will be instructed to electronically attach additional information (eg; resume, SF-50 [former Federal employee]), training documentation/certificates, college transcripts, etc.)

To be considered for certain position locations, it must be among the locations you have selected.

Questions about a specific position or office location should be directed to the contact for that position. Not every position will have government housing available.

The application process can be competitive, to ensure you will be successful, visit the following websites:

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If you are interested in applying or learning more; contact Nelson Mills, Forester via email- nelson.mills@usda.gov or phone (208) 727-5021