



Position Title
GS-0460-7/9/11
Council, ID



The Payette National Forest is seeking candidates to fill a GS-0460-7/9/11 Silviculturist position. This is a permanent full time position. Interested applicants should use the “respond” function in the Forest Service online outreach database associated with this position, and please attach a resume to your response. You may also contact Ronda Bishop, Council/Weiser District Ranger, at 208-253-0101 or ronda.bishop@usda.gov with any questions. Those who respond will be notified when the position is advertised on USAJOBS.

ABOUT THE JOB

The incumbent’s primary duties involve on-the-ground examinations and analyses of forest areas to determine treatments, providing advice, technical support, and evaluations of proposed and ongoing needs for short and long-term cultural treatments. The incumbent will review Silviculture prescriptions to ensure that plans, treatment and harvesting techniques are compatible with long-range land management plans. The incumbent serves as a full member of the Interdisciplinary Team, and coordinates the silvicultural needs with other resource specialists.

The Silviculturist position works directly for the Council District Ranger but will support other units. As such, frequent travel may be required for this position to be away from the official duty station for meetings, conferences, site visits, etc. This position is eligible for an ad hoc telework agreement.

This position may be filled as a career ladder at either the GS7, GS9 or GS11 level (target grade is GS11). This is a supervisory position at both the GS-9 and GS-11 levels (supervise 25% or less of the time). Associated position descriptions (PDs) are FS2713 (GS7), FS3062 (GS9) and FS3085 (GS11).

Note: The incumbent must be a certified silviculturist upon placement in this position OR attain certification within three years of that date.

The Payette National Forest is a Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) forest and has been engaged in successful collaboration with the Payette Forest Coalition since 2009. The Council Ranger District has been implementing two landscape restoration projects and the District Interdisciplinary team is currently working on the NEPA analysis for the Forest’s 4th CFLR project (Huckleberry) on the Council Ranger District. There are currently three more planned landscape restoration projects on the Payette National Forest. The Payette National Forest is also identified as a Shared Stewardship priority

landscape and is part of the Idaho-Wyoming POD. Travel away from the designated duty station may be required.

ABOUT THE PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

The Payette National Forest contains some of Idaho's most beautiful and diverse country. Located north of Boise in west-central Idaho, the 2.3 million acre forest extends 100 miles west to east, from Hells Canyon to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The forest stretches 70 miles between the Main Salmon River to the north and the Weiser River to the south. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The current Forest priorities are:

- **Landscape Restoration** focusing on working with collaborative groups to accomplish landscape-scale restoration in the Weiser River and Little Salmon watersheds, which will improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as provide local employment through stewardship contracting.
- **Recreation Management** supporting developed and dispersed recreation opportunities during both summer and winter seasons across the Forest, stewardship of the Payette's portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, and providing outstanding public service.
- **Rangeland Management** managing for sustainable rangeland resources such as soil, water and native vegetation while administering livestock grazing permits and monitoring to maintain separation between domestic sheep and bighorn sheep during the grazing season.
- **Minerals Management** of significant minerals projects and the numerous smaller minerals development projects.
- **Wildland Fire Preparedness** including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

We hope you will consider the Payette National Forest as your future home for career and recreation. More information on the Payette National Forest is available at: www.fs.usda.gov/payette.

COUNCIL



Council is a community of approximately 870 people located in a wide, picturesque valley with timbered slopes on each side. Hunting and wildlife viewing are excellent; elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, black bears, turkeys, and grouse are abundant. Other recreation opportunities within an hour of town include hiking, skiing, boating, fishing, wilderness use, bike and horseback riding, four-wheeling

and rodeo. The spectacular Hells Canyon Recreation Area is adjacent to the district, and the Weiser River Rails to Trails system runs through the middle of the Council Valley. The valley also is home to a small golf course and an airstrip. Long summers, early springs, and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from November through March. Elevations on the District range from 1700 to almost 9000 feet atop Council Mountain.

Council is the county seat of Adams County. Amenities and businesses include a grocery store, several restaurants, a library, a coffee house, a hardware store, a health club, a water-bottling facility and many other small businesses. Medical services include a medical clinic, pharmacy, dental office and Life Flight. Council supports several churches. A new community and recreation center will be built over the summer of 2018.

Council has excellent elementary and junior/senior high schools, with small class sizes and student-to-teacher ratios. Both schools are located close to the center of town. The district has been very successful in reading, language, and math achievement goals over the past decade; the high school is rated as a "5 star" school by state of Idaho. The district boasts several innovative programs, including a wood and metal shop, FFA, and FCCLA programs at the high school, and a greenhouse and community garden for use in science and natural resource curriculum for all grades. At the high school, a variety of advanced placement courses are available. For more information: <http://csd13.org/>

The housing market around Council is limited, but prices are reasonable, with 2-3 bedroom homes ranging from \$50,000 to \$135,000 for homes on smaller lots, and \$95,000 to \$375,000 and up for homes on land, depending on location and acreage. There are also several custom home builders in the area; bare land for sale is often available in parcels ranging from a few acres to over 100. A few rental homes are available and prices vary greatly, but generally run between \$350.00 and \$600.00/month. Government housing is available on a limited basis. Council is about 80 miles from Ontario, Oregon and 120 miles from Boise. These cities offer excellent shopping, entertainment, restaurants, and other services.

Nearby communities (within an hour's drive) include:

Weiser

Cambridge

Midvale

New Meadows

McCall

For more information:

<http://www.councilchamberofcommerce.com/>

<http://www.theadamscountyrecord.com/>

<http://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/council/idaho/united-states/usid0054>

CONTACT

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For information about how to apply for a federal job, the salary, or job series, visit the
[US Office of Personnel Management website](#).