



Silviculturist
GS-0460-7/9/11
New Meadows, 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 include a resume. You may also contact Erin Phelps, New Meadows District Ranger, at 208-347-0301 or erin.phelps@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 New Meadows 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 New Meadows Ranger District has been working on the second landscape restoration project (Lost Creek Boulder Creek) and the District Interdisciplinary team is currently working on NEPA analysis for the Forest’s 5th

CLFR project (Granite Meadows) on the New Meadows and McCall Ranger Districts. 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.

NEW MEADOWS



Located between McCall and Council, the community of New Meadows is home to approximately 500 residents. The town sits at 3900 feet in a wide valley with forested slopes on each side. New Meadows boasts exceptional outdoor recreation, with an 18-hole golf course, a 10 mile drive to

Brundage Resort and world-class fishing on the Salmon River to the north. The average summer temperature is just under 80 degrees, and snow covers the ground from December to March. The New Meadows Ranger District office is located here.

New Meadows has a K-12 school system, all housed on the same campus. Class sizes are small, with student: teacher ratios under 20:1. The high school boasts a strong science program, with a weeklong field trip offered each spring break. Community support for the school is strong, with financial support through supplemental levies passed on a regular basis. For more information:

<http://www.mvsd11.org/>

New Meadows offers services and amenities that include one grocery store, a library, a senior center, several service stations and motels, and several restaurants and coffee shops.

Government housing is available on a limited basis. Rental prices vary. Average home prices are generally between \$175,000 and \$300,000, higher than the Council area but lower than McCall; as of 2017, the average median home price, according to the Mountain Central Association of Realtors, was \$254,500.

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

Council
Riggins
McCall
Donnelly

More information:

<http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/>

<http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/New-Meadows-Idaho.html>

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](#).