

# OUTREACH NOTICE

## ***6 Vacancies to fill for Permanent Seasonal (13/13) Recreation Technicians GS-0462-5 and GS-0462-6!!***

Potential Locations: Priest Lake, Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, Fernan, Smelterville, St. Maries and Avery Idaho



<b>Title, GS-Series-Grade:</b>	Recreation Technician GS-0462-5, GS-0462-6 (Permanent Seasonal 13/13)
<b>District/Unit:</b>	Coeur d'Alene River RD (2) St. Joe RD (2) Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint and Priest Lake RD (2)
<b>Duty Location:</b>	Multiple
<b>Date of Notice:</b>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests will be filling a Permanent Seasonal Positions for Recreation Technicians (GS-0462-5 and GS-0462-6) to be located at the multiple offices listed in the Outreach Notice. These positions will be guaranteed 13 pay periods of employment. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

*Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact the supervisor and **area of interest**, listed below or submit a response form to the supervisor, which is provided below. Please respond no later than*

**August 16th, 2019**, so that we can understand the potential applicant pool and make an informed decision on how to advertise the position.

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## *The position.....*

We are looking for several high-performing individuals to join our team! We have diverse programs on our Forest. These positions will cover a range of work in developed recreation and trails.

### **Recreation Duties**

- Performing regular cleaning and maintenance of developed recreation facilities, such as campsites, interpretive sites, rental cabins and lookout building, picnic areas, toilets and boat launch facilities.
- Provide recommendations for site improvements.
- Collection of campground and other recreation fees.
- Opening recreation sites, including landscape maintenance, cleaning and stocking and opening water systems.
- Closing of recreation sites including winterizing water systems and securing facilities.
- Collection of drinking water samples for testing.
- Performing recreation facility condition surveys.
- Serving as work lead for temporary employees, interns and youth crews.

### **Trail Duties**

- Perform trail clearing and brushing utilizing chainsaws and handtools.
- Perform trail tread improvement projects, such as rerouting, building puncheon
- Serves as work lead for temporary employees, interns and youth crews.
- May serve as contracted crew (corrections crew) point of contact for trail projects.
- Performs trail condition surveys
- May including use of stock for clearing in backcountry and non-motorized areas.
- May include use of dirt bikes on motorized trails (St. Joe Ranger District)

### **All Positions**

- Engage with Forest visitors, providing information about the local area.
- Follows safety protocols and contributes to an inclusive work environment.
- May require working alone regularly in remote locations.
- Must be eligible to attain a government driver's license.
- Desire to make a difference in our campgrounds, trails and communities and HAVE FUN!

## *The Idaho Panhandle National Forests .....*

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/> comprise about 2.5 million acres of public lands which lie within "the panhandle" of north Idaho and extend into eastern Washington and western Montana.

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests are an aggregation of the Coeur d'Alene and portions of the Kaniksu and St. Joe National Forests. There are eight local [points of contact](#) including the Supervisor's Office, six district offices and the [Coeur d'Alene Nursery](#). The Forest is within nine counties in three states: Boundary, Bonner, Benewah, Kootenai, Shoshone, Latah and Clearwater Counties in Idaho; Lincoln County in Montana; and Pend Oreille County in Washington. The Supervisors Office (SO) shares the front reception area with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The SO ASA provides administrative support to the SO Office, routine services for both agencies including greeting visitors, answering telephones, and responding to routine inquiries from customers.

## *The Silver Valley Office (SVO) on the Coeur D'Alene River Ranger District... ..*

The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District is approximately 728,000 acres in size. The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District originated as the Coeur d'Alene Forest Reserve, created by President Teddy Roosevelt on November 6, 1906. It soon came under the administration of the newly created U.S. Forest Service and continued as the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District has a storied history centered on the mining of its vast silver reserves and the 1910 fire which consumed vast acreages of its valuable timber stands - over 3 million acres total in Idaho and Montana. The 1910 fire focused the nation's attention on the Forest Service's Region One and over time the Region became the Forest Service's center for experts on wildland fire. The District has two offices, one located in Coeur d'Alene and the second in Smelterville. With close proximity to a larger urban center, Spokane, Washington, the District has high recreation use and a program that centers on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and portions of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the Chain of Lakes to the east of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and ATV activities abound. The District also manages the special use permit for Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area- a family ski area located on the Idaho/Montana border. Other winter activities the District manages include snowmobiling and cross country skiing.

### *The St. Joe Ranger District ... ..*

The **St. Joe Ranger District** is at the southern end of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and consists of approximately 725,000 acres with backcountry and mixed ownerships. The main district office is in St. Maries, Idaho. We also have another office near Avery, Idaho with temporary government housing in the town of Avery. The St. Joe Ranger District stretches westward from the rugged Idaho/Montana border along the Bitterroot Mountains between the Clearwater Divide and the Coeur d'Alene Divide to the lower St. Maries River Valley. The St. Joe has some of the most productive and biologically diverse forest lands in the Columbia River Basin. It contains plants and animals of the central Rocky Mountains, the boreal forests, and the moist coastal forests. The St. Joe River, headwaters of the Little North Fork of Clearwater River, and the St. Maries River Basins are the dominant watershed.

Unique features of the diverse St. Joe Ranger District include the St. Joe Wild and Scenic River, Emerald Creek Garnet Area, Mallard Larkins Pioneer Area, Marble Creek Historic Area, Route of the Hiawatha Bike Trail, Hobo Cedar Gove Botanical Area, and the Snow Peak Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.

### *St. Maries, Idaho ... ..*

St. Maries offers the best of a small town setting with necessary amenities and a host of extras. Located along the scenic St. Joe River, this town of approximately 2,800 boasts an active community spirit and true enjoyment of the outdoors. More information can be found at <http://www.stmariesid.com/>.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is an hour drive from St. Maries. It offers all the amenities of larger western cities. More information can be found at [Coeur d'Alene Visitors Bureau :: Home](#)

The major transportation corridors to St. Maries are State Highway 3 and State Highway 5. The Spokane International Airport [Spokane International Airport](#) is the main hub for air travel (an hour and half drive north and west from St. Maries).

### *The Bonners Ferry Ranger District ... ..*

The District office is located in the community of Bonners Ferry, a full service community nestled along the Kootenai River. Bonners Ferry has a population of 2,473 and is the county seat for Boundary County, population 10,808. Boundary County borders Canada to the north, Washington to the west, Montana to the east, and Bonner County, Idaho to the south.

The community is home to Boundary Community Hospital, numerous medical and dental offices, ambulance service, several pharmacies, residential care, senior services, hospice, a public library, community theatre, county-owned airport, radio station, weekly newspaper, elementary, middle, and high school, city swimming pool, historical museum, several grocery stores, restaurants, and motels.

Along with excellent hunting and fishing, Bonners Ferry and surrounding areas offer unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities such as hiking, mountain biking/cycling, rock hounding, camping, dramatic scenery, golfing, history, winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort is located 38 miles south of Bonners Ferry in Sandpoint Idaho.

The Bonners Ferry Ranger District is home to a multitude of big game species including white-tailed deer, mule deer, black bear, elk, moose, mountain goat, big horned sheep, cougar, lynx and bobcat. The area is also home to two very special species; the woodland caribou and the grizzly bear. The Selkirk Mountains are the last home in the Continental United States of the endangered woodland caribou. The grizzly bear also finds refuge in the high peaks there, as well as other areas of the district.

There are a multitude of bird species for the bird watcher including osprey, hawk, eagle, pileated woodpecker and many varieties of owl. The principal upland game birds are blue grouse, Franklin grouse and ruffed grouse, duck, and geese. There are 271 miles of streams and 297 acres of lakes in the district, furnishing habitat for considerable fish and waterfowl, including rainbow and brook trout, sturgeon, whitefish, bass and salmon.

Sandpoint, Idaho is located 32 miles south of Bonners Ferry. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is the closest urban area (1.5 hours to the south), Spokane, WA (2.0 hours to the south), Kalispell, MT (2.5 hours to the southeast), and Missoula, MT (4.0 hours to the southeast).

## *The Sandpoint Ranger District ... ..*

The Sandpoint Ranger District is located on the North Zone of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF), which also includes the Bonners Ferry and Priest Lake Ranger Districts. The work will be spread over the three Ranger Districts based on priorities. The North Zone rangers will collectively approve a program of work to ensure the highest priority work is accomplished. The North Zone is home to three US Fish and Wildlife Service Listed Terrestrial Species (Canada lynx, grizzly bear, and woodland caribou) as well as one Proposed Terrestrial Species (North American wolverine).

Sandpoint is a vibrant community, rich in arts and culture. The population of the city is 7,365 (2010 census). As the county seat, Sandpoint also services much of Bonner County, population 40,877 (2010 census). A wide range of people make up the Sandpoint community; many are native residents – 30 percent were born in Idaho – but most were born elsewhere, relocating after experiencing Sandpoint's friendly atmosphere and beautiful setting. This influx accounts for the area's rapid population growth. The County's population increased 35 percent between 1990 and 2010.

Surrounded by heavily forested mountains and nestled on the shore of the state's largest lake, Lake Pend Oreille, Sandpoint is known for its exceptional natural beauty. The town itself is attractive with many buildings of architectural distinction, several nice parks including City Beach and bustling events that reflect the vigor of the community.

The Sandpoint area is rich in natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities. About 40 percent of northern Idaho is National Forest land, along with 65 percent of the shoreline of Lake Pend Oreille. As a result, camping, hiking, biking and other outdoor activities are popular in the area.



The weather in Sandpoint changes dramatically throughout the year, creating four distinct seasons. Summer temperatures, such as in July, reach average highs in the 80s and lows in the 40s. On occasion, the mercury spikes to 100, making it an ideal time to take advantage of the lake. Fall is a popular time for camping and sports activities; temperatures are cooler with long Indian summers, and the autumn leaves and beautiful weather make it the preferred season for many residents. Winter in Sandpoint revolves largely around Schweitzer Mountain Resort, which boasts an average annual snowfall of 300 inches. Winter temperatures, in January for example, average 26.3 degrees. The spring thaw brings warm weather and rushing creeks, making it a popular time for sports such as hiking and whitewater rafting. The rapid weather shift also offers the unique chance to ski in the morning in the mountains and golf in the valleys in the afternoon.

The area has several high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. Sandpoint High School, the largest high school in the area, serves around 1,400 students and is a focal point for the community, hosting sporting events, concerts and plays.

The area has numerous churches and religious organizations, with more than 30 in Sandpoint alone. In addition, Sandpoint has a modern library, numerous historical sites within the city limits, a modern hospital with newly expand health care options and many small vendor shops downtown.

<b>OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM</b> <b>Idaho Panhandle National Forest and Districts</b>
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**Position Title/Series/Grade: Recreation Technician GS-0462-05 and GS-0462-06**

**Location:** \*Multiple Duty Locations (*Interested Outreach Responders reply to your interest area and above listed Supervisor*)

## Personal Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Duty Station/  
Position you are  
interested in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Title/Series/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Position Held:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title/Series/Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently a Federal Employee?      Yes: \_\_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_\_**

**IF YES:**

**Type of Appoint you are currently under:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted)

**Current Agency and location:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IF NO:**

**Are you currently a temporary employee?**      **Yes:**      **No:**

**Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:**