

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Announcements open MARCH 25, 2021 and close April 5, 2021

These are for temporary positions to start August 15th

Position	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Location	Housing	Announcement Number
Forestry Technician (Recreation) GS-462-5	Dave Thorstenson or Ben Bernall	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2252-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Recreation) GS-462-7	Mike Feiger	406/827-3533	Trout Creek	No	21-Temps-R1-2236-7DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Trails) GS-0462-4	Micah Miller or Will Gilbert	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2861-4DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Trails) GS-0462-5	Micah Miller or Will Gilbert	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2860-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-4	Ira Lehman or Robert Jensen	406/296-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-2466-4DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-4	Bob Tardif or Jacob Somerset	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2466-4DT-Bv
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-5	Ira Lehman or Robert Jensen	406/296-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-2467-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-5	Bob Tardif or Jacob Somerset	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2467-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-6	Ira Lehman or Robert Jensen	406/296-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-3002-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-462-6	Bob Tardif or Jacob Somerset	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-3002-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) GS-462-4	Angie Stafford or Laurie Fisher	406/293-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-3137-4DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) GS-462-5	Angie Stafford or Laurie Fisher	406/296-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-3138-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) GS-462-5	Brian Smith or Steve Snell	406/827-3533	Trout Creek	No	21-Temps-R1-3138-5DT-BV
Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) GS-462-6	Angie Stafford or Laurie Fisher	406/296-2536	Eureka	No	21-Temps-R1-2282-6DT-BV

Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) GS-462-6	Cheri Gragert	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2282-6DT-BV
Forestry Aid GS-462-2	Sara Alberts, Ed Sedler, David Thorstenson or Ben Bernall	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2353-2DT-BV
Forestry Aid GS-462-2	Micah Miller or Will Gilbert	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2353-2DT-BV
Forestry Aid GS-462-3	Sara Alberts, Ed Sedler, David Thorstenson or Ben Bernall	406-295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2354-3DT-BV
Forestry Aid GS-462-3	Micah Miller or Will Gilbert	406/293-7773	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2354-3DT-BV
Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) GS-404-4	Laura Jungst	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2263-4DT-BV
Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) GS-404-5	Laura Jungst	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2264-4DT-BV
Engineering Technician (Civil) GS-802-4	Justin Pickar or Ben Thom	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-temps-R1-2233-4DT-BV
Engineering Technician (Civil) GS-802-5	Justin Pickar or Ben Thom	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-temps-R1-2342-4DT-BV
Laborer WG-3502-2	Steve Snell	406/827-3533	Trout Creek	No	21-Temps-R1-2535-2DT-BV
Laborer WG-3502-3	Steve Snell	406/827-3533	Trout Creek	No	21-Temps-R1-2536-3DT-BV
Customer Service Representative GS-303-3	Kirsten Kaiser	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2822-3DT-BV
Customer Service Representative GS-303-5	Cami Winslow	406/293-6211	Libby	No	21-Temps-R1-2456-5DT-BV
Archeologist GS-193-9	Laura Jungst	406/295-4693	Troy	No	21-Temps-R1-2271-9DT-BV

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ABOUT THE FOREST

The Kootenai National Forest located in the extreme northwest corner of Montana, includes a small portion of northeast Idaho and encompasses over 2.2 million acres of NFS lands, an area nearly three times the size of Rhode Island. The forest consists of 4 Ranger Districts located in Eureka, Troy, Libby and Trout Creek; 3 Staff Units located in the Supervisor’s Office and Engineering located throughout the units. The Forest is bordered on the north by British Columbia, Canada, and on the west by Idaho.

Of the total acres, 50,384 are within the State of Idaho. Access into the Forest is via U.S. Highways 2 and 93 and Montana State Highways 37, 56, 200 and 508.

The Kootenai National Forest (KNF) overlaps with a portion of the original Kootenai Tribal Territory. Under the Hell Gate Treaty, the Tribe retains rights to hunt, gather, collect plants and roots, fish, and water rights resulting in stories, place names and songs passed down through the generations. The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho was not represented at the treaty signing as each of the seven bands has their own Tribal Chief. The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho challenged the US Government to the rights of ownership for 12 acres in Idaho, with those rights recognized in 1974.

EUREKA AREA:

The Rexford (Ksanka) Ranger District is in Northwest Montana located in Eureka, MT which is located just eight miles from the Canadian border and an hour drive from the Flathead area. The District's entire northern boundary is contiguous with Canada. The combined District encompasses 613,500 acres, of which 574,300 are National Forest lands. The district employs approximately 45 permanent employees, with an additional 60 seasonal employees during the summer months.

The town of Eureka has a population of approximately 1300 people and is the largest town in the Tobacco Valley. Residents in the Tobacco Valley number approximately 4200. The Valley runs from the Canadian Border on the north to just south of Murphy Lake. The major industry is tourism, with recreation in the form of hunting, fishing, motorized use, and winter sports drawing in a many people from the United States and Canada. Other employers include logging (mainly tractor ground and limited brush) and wood products manufacturing, communications and power utilities, government, and service-related work. Eureka is a full-service community.

LIBBY AREA:

The Libby Ranger District operates out of the Canoe Gulch Ranger Station located along the Kootenai River, 13 miles north of Libby, Montana.

Libby lies in the northwest corner of Montana and is nestled in a valley carved by the Kootenai River on the flank of the majestic Cabinet Mountain Range and Wilderness Area. Today, about 2,800 people live within Libby proper. The main industries are lumber and wood products, mining, tourism, and recreation. The movies "The Revenant", "The River Wild" and "Always" were filmed here.

The Libby Valley has documented presence of *Libby Amphibole* Asbestos (LAA) as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. As of November 2018, EPA has completed cleanup of residential and commercial properties in Libby and Troy. Cleanup of other areas, such as the now defunct mine site, continues. Interested applicants are urged to research the possible hazards of LAA to human health. Further information can be found at EPA ([EPALibby](#)) and the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) ([LibbyAsbestos](#)).

TROUT CREEK AREA:

The Cabinet Ranger District is located two miles west of Trout Creek. Of the 528,000 acres within the District boundary, about 432,000 are federally administered.

The District has 35 permanent employees and up to 50 temporary employees during the summer field season. At Trout Creek the elevation is 2400 feet (msl) with annual precipitation totaling 25 inches. Fall and spring are

generally mild; summers can be moderately hot with short periods of 100 degree weather; and winter brings snow and temperatures that are warmer than generally associated with Montana.

This area offers an adventure for those seeking outdoor activities with a view! Although services are limited in the local area; the opportunity to experience the wildlife, huckleberries, and the quiet side of nature are abundant. The town has a small grocery store and two card-operated gas stations, two motels, three eateries, and small businesses. Larger communities are within 1-2 hour drive.

TROY AREA:

The Three Rivers Ranger District is located in Troy approximately 18 miles west of Libby, MT. Troy has approximately 1,000 residents, with another 500 to 700 residents living outside the city limits.

Troy is a full-service community with an excellent city park, Roosevelt Park, which has a soccer field, two baseball/softball fields, fishing pond, walking trail, boat ramp, skateboard area and picnic areas. There is also an excellent walking path around the airstrip near the Ranger District. For out-of-town adventures and major shopping trips, Spokane, Washington (population 342,000), is a 150-mile drive to the west

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