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RED RIVER

Fish Biologist

GS-0482-9/11





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Elk City, ID

*120-Day Detail **and** Permanent Full-Time*

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will soon be filling an up to 120-day detail **and** permanent full-time GS-0482-9/11 (GS-09 FS2255)(GS-11 FS 3156) Fish Biologist. We will utilize the outreach response data to determine if the position is advertised as a career ladder 9/11 or only at the full performance grade of 11. The position is located on the Red River Ranger District, with a duty station of Elk City, Idaho, and works directly for the District Ranger.

We are looking for a team player with excellent people skills and the ability to work well in a zone configuration with the Salmon River District Ranger and shared staff. You will be expected to be an active and engaged member of the district staff that can work with the team to achieve forest goals. Working with the public, partners, and collaborative groups is an important part of the job. The Red River Ranger District has a diverse fisheries program. We have a variety of resident and anadromous fisheries. The Forest has a robust Watershed restoration program and works closely with stakeholders to ensure the future of various species of salmon, steelhead, and white sturgeon in the area rivers. The incumbent will have steady work on Interdisciplinary Teams participating in projects to restore and improve watersheds and ecosystems within and adjacent to the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest. If you would like a more thorough overview of the day to day duties of the position, please open the **AD332s** attached in the left tool bar.

If this position appeals to you then we very much encourage you to apply and seek to join a great group of hard working and dedicated employees here on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.



The South Zone of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests covers the **Red River Ranger District** and the **Salmon River Ranger District**.

Organizationally, the South Zone has two district rangers and 10 shared journey-level district staff stationed across the zone. There are over 90 permanent employees in the zone and there can be over 75 seasonal employees. Coordination, collaboration, and communication are key attributes for every program. Given the geographic scale of the zone, there are 2 separate high complexity fire organizations (Red River & Salmon River) which include an assortment of engines and hand crews.

Work on the forest is supported by several partners and cooperators including the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho County, Idaho Outfitter and Guides, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Clearwater Basin Collaborative, Montana Conservation Corps, Backcountry Horsemen and National Smokejumper's Association.

The South Zone has many congressionally and nationally designated areas including the Buffalo-Hump Wilderness, Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness and Magruder Corridor. An area rich with prehistoric and historic resources, the

Location of the Red River Ranger District—Elk City Ranger Station

South Zone contains hundreds of significant heritage resources.

Originally established in 1915 as the first Ranger District of the Nez Perce National Forest, Red River Ranger District combined with Dixie Ranger District in 1968 and then with Elk City Ranger District in 1998. The district now covers roughly 800,000 acres of the total 4 million acres of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

The Red River Ranger District is situated entirely within Idaho County. The district office is in the small town of Elk City, ID at the east end of State Highway 14, 50 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Four small communities interact with and are within the boundaries of the district: Elk City, Red River, Dixie, and Orogrande. It has basic amenities such as a full-service grocery store, gas station, lodging, saloons, laundry facilities, cafes, and churches. The Elk City School includes grades K-8.

The Elk City area is a great place to live for people who value rural aesthetics and outdoor recreation opportunities. Motorized and non-motorized road and trail opportunities abound, as well as hundreds of thousands of acres for non-motorized endeavors. The District is home to two of the Forest's premier "historic travelways", the Elk City Wagon Road and Magruder Corridor—which have been used by travelers for millennia. Elk City is adjacent to the largest Wilderness area in the lower 48 states, with numerous opportunities for backcountry recreation year-round. Wilderness makes up 420,000 acres of the district, consisting of a portion of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in the southeast corner of the district and over half of the Gospel Hump Wilderness in the southwest corner. Elevation changes on the district are radical, ranging from just over 2,000 feet along the Salmon River to 8,938 feet at Buffalo Hump. The resulting climates and landscapes are diverse.

Outstanding outdoor recreation, fishing and hunting opportunities abound on the district. Numerous OHV trails draw users in the summer/fall seasons and groomed snowmobile trails bring in winter recreation enthusiasts.

The closing date for the **120 day detail is January 15, 2022** and it is open to current Forest Service employees. The closing date for the permanent full-time position is yet to be determined, but the forest is trying to have the position filled by March of 2022. It will be advertised government wide, possibly open to the public as determined by outreach responses. If interested in the permanent position **or** detail, please fill out the attached form and return to michael.blinn@usda.gov. Specific vacancy information will be provided to you as it becomes available. Government housing may be available.

Any further questions can be directed to Michael Blinn, Acting District Ranger at 208-842-2245, michael.blinn@usda.gov.

ABOUT THE NEZ PERCE – CLEARWATER NATIONAL FORESTS

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are about:

- Promoting and protecting our history, wildlands and wild experiences;
- Connecting with our communities;
- Building and restoring resiliency in our diverse landscapes, workforce and relationships.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are a complex fire forest with diverse ecosystems that range from dry ponderosa pine to coastal disjunct communities. Wildfire is the primary driving force in the forested ecosystems.

The four million acre forest extends from the Selway-Bitterroot Continental Divide to Hells Canyon. Approximately one third of the Forest is wilderness, another third is roadless designated under the Idaho Roadless Rule, and the final third is referred to as the “Front Country” where the majority of timber harvest and roaded recreation occurs.

There are six ranger districts with approximately 350 permanent employees and over 225 seasonal employees during the summer field season. The Forests host the Grangeville Smokejumpers, Grangeville Air Center and Grangeville Interagency Dispatch Center.

The Forest also has multiple partnerships that are critical for accomplishing our work including: Selway-Bitterroot Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Nez Perce Tribe, and multiple recreation groups amongst others.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are located in the heart of north-central Idaho. The 4.0 million acre forest area stretches from the Oregon border on the west to the Montana border on the east and is bounded by the Idaho Panhandle National Forest on the north to the Salmon River on the south. This vast, diverse area is managed to provide a variety of goods and services including breathtaking scenery, wilderness, wildlife, fisheries, timber harvest, livestock grazing, mining, and a wide array of recreation opportunities. The Forest is best known for its wildlands and wild rivers. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are located in an area rich with history, abundant fish and wildlife and unique recreation opportunities.

The area is known for its excellent outdoor recreational opportunities. The Clearwater River, the most productive salmon and steelhead watersheds in the Columbia River Basin, runs adjacent to Kamiah. To the south are the Salmon and Snake Rivers. Salmon and steelhead fishing is some of the best in the lower 48. The Forests’ rivers and streams, including Kelly Creek, Lochsa River, and Selway River, also provide nationally-renowned blue ribbon catch-and-release trout fishing opportunities for large westslope cutthroat trout. Whitewater rafting is popular on the rivers. Four wilderness areas offer opportunities to explore on foot or horseback: Hells Canyon, Gospel-Hump, Frank Church River of No Return and Selway-Bitterroot. For those that favor motorized recreation, the Forest has a developed system of ATV trails that go into the backcountry.

The Forest provides year-round habitat for one of the most significant elk herds in Idaho with an emphasis in restoring elk habitat. White tail deer are abundant.

Outdoor recreation, lumber production, farming and cattle ranching are the major industries in the area. For more information on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests please visit our website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/home>



