

OUTREACH NOTICE



Facility & Fleet Operations Specialist GS-1640 -7/9 Permanent position Idaho Panhandle National Forests North Zone

Duty Location:
Sandpoint, ID

The North Zone of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) is currently seeking a candidate to fill a permanent position in their engineering organization located in Sandpoint, Idaho. To express interest in the position, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and return to **Rick Driggs** at rick.driggs@usda.gov by the close of business on **May 18, 2022**. For more information about these positions, please contact Rick Driggs at (208) 610-7327

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is seeking a motivated individual for a permanent position as Facility and Fleet Operations Specialist position, GS - 1640 - 7/9 on the North Zone, Sandpoint, Idaho. This position offers a challenging career opportunity for an individual seeking experience on a busy and complex zoned unit.

ABOUT THE ZONE: The North Zone of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) includes three Ranger Districts: Bonners Ferry, Priest Lake, and Sandpoint. The work will be spread over the three Ranger Districts based on priorities. The Zone Engineer, North Zone District Rangers and Forest Engineer will collectively approve a program of work to ensure the highest priority work is accomplished.

TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT POSITION: Please fill out the attached outreach response form and send to Rick Driggs rick.driggs@usda.gov by the close of business on **May 18, 2022**. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment, www.usajobs.gov.

ABOUT THIS POSITION

This position will serve as the Facilities Operations Specialist and Fleet Manager for three Districts with the responsibility for coordinating a wide range of facility and fleet activities relating to the safety, operation and maintenance of: buildings, equipment, fleet, and related work. This position is located on a Forest Service Zone and provides technical and administrative support to the civil engineering staff. This position provides Project Inspection and Contracting Officer Representative work for a variety of project work including facility maintenance and construction and fleet.

The position will be responsible to ensure the maintenance, inspection and operation of approximately 230 buildings, including offices, warehouses, shops, recreation and other Forest Service facilities. This position will require basic knowledge of HVAC, electrical, mechanical systems, waste water and water systems and other facility related operating systems in order to perform diagnostic procedures and complete maintenance, repairs or construction work by force account or with the appropriate contracting methods. This position is supervised by the North Zone Engineering Team Lead.

NOTE: Certifications are preferred as a Project Inspector (PI) or Contracting Officer Representative (COR)

THE ORGANIZATION

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.

Major transportation corridors through the Forest are Interstate 90, U.S. Highways 2, 10, 95, and 95A, State Highways 3, 57, and 200. Amtrak, Burlington Northern, Union Pacific, Potlach and Spokane International Railroads cross the Idaho Panhandle. The Spokane International Airport [Spokane International Airport](#) is the main hub for air travel (a 40 minute drive west from Coeur d'Alene). The Coeur d'Alene Airport is a general aviation airport located north of the city near Highway 95.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Sandpoint Ranger District is located in Sandpoint, Idaho. Sandpoint is a vibrant community, rich in arts and culture. The population of the city is 8,639 (2020 census). As the county seat, Sandpoint also services much of Bonner County, population 47,110 (2020 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 44 percent between 1990 and 2003.

Surrounded by heavily forested mountains and nestled on the shore of the state's largest lake, 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.

Lake Pend Oreille School District comprises Sandpoint High School – the largest of four high schools in the district – Clark Fork Junior/Senior High School, Lake Pend Oreille High School, and Forrest Bird Charter School, Sandpoint Middle School and seven area elementary schools. Sandpoint High School 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. More information about Bonners County and the City of Sandpoint can be found at [Sandpoint Online for Sandpoint Idaho](#) [Welcome to the City of Sandpoint, Idaho](#), and www.co.bonner.idaho.com.

Sandpoint, Idaho is located 32 miles south of Bonners Ferry. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is the closest urban area (1.0 hours to the south), Spokane, WA (2.0 hours to the south), Kalispell, MT (2.5 hours to the northeast), and Missoula, MT (4.0 hours to the east).

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Facility & Fleet Operations Specialist

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Idaho Panhandle National Forests

North Zone Zone

Duty Location: Sandpoint, ID

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MAILING ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:	

CURRENT STATUS:

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Position Title:						

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Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return your completed form via email to Rick Driggs by COB May 18, 2022

Email:	rick.driggs@usda.gov
Subject:	GS-1640, Facility Operations Specialist

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

