



## OUTREACH NOTICE

# Soil Scientist

## Detail/Temporary Promotion and/or Permanent Position

### GS-0470-5/7/9

Region 1, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Supervisor's Office  
**Duty station: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

To express interest in this position, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and return to Jori Johnson, Forest Soil Scientist, at [jori.a.johnson@usda.gov](mailto:jori.a.johnson@usda.gov) by the close of business on April 14, 2020. Please briefly describe your experience in soils on the outreach form. For more information about this position, please contact [jori.a.johnson@usda.gov](mailto:jori.a.johnson@usda.gov).

### **ABOUT THE POSITION**

This position serves as a soil scientist supporting programs on the Idaho Panhandle NFs and is located in the Supervisor's Office. The primary duty of the position is to support the priority program of work on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. This consists of landscape scale vegetation restoration activities that include commercial timber harvest and fuels mitigation. This is a career ladder position with duties and responsibilities varying with grade level and reaching full potential as a GS-0470-9.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Prepare field maps and tablet-based data collection applications in order to conduct the Forest Soils Disturbance Monitoring Protocol. ArcGIS online is the current platform used to coordinate data collection, utilizing both Arc Collector and Survey123;
- Serve as a lead to a field crew consisting of permanent and temporary seasonal staff. This position would assist in hiring, onboarding, and training of field crew members. While the permanent seasonal staff is expected to coordinate day-to-day activities, this position would communicate program priorities, goals, and set the expectations for field data collection.
- Working with a variety of resource specialist on interdisciplinary teams;
- Summarizing field data and preparing soils specialist reports in support of a Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Assessment, or Environmental Impact Statement.
- Further support the NEPA process for Forest project work by responding to comments, engaging in public meetings where appropriate, and preparing well-organized project records of relevant soils information.

## **ABOUT COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO...**

The Idaho Panhandle's Supervisor's Office is located in beautiful Coeur d'Alene Idaho, a rapidly growing city. The city is 100 miles south of the Canadian border, 33 miles east of Spokane, Washington, and an hour's drive from the Montana state line. There are four distinct seasons, with summer average highs and lows of 82 degrees and 51 degrees; and average winter temperatures from 38 degrees and 26 degrees, with frequent rain and snow.

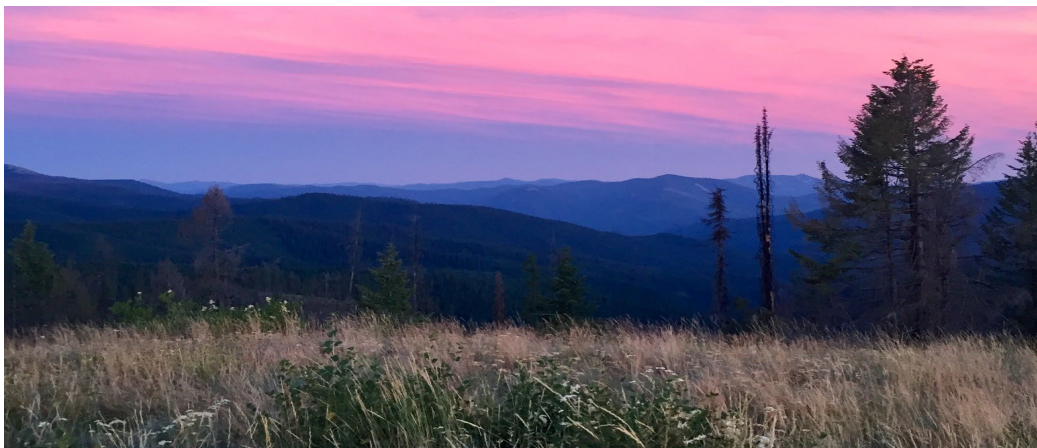
This area is often called "lake country" and Lake Coeur d'Alene is a center for recreation, as are the readily available National Forest lands. Recreational opportunities are numerous, including summer activities of camping, hiking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, river floating, golfing, boating and water skiing, and fishing. The area contains several hundred miles of fishable streams and numerous lakes. Additionally, winter activities abound with three ski areas being within an hour's drive, numerous non-motorized trails, and over 600 miles of snowmobile trails.

Aside from outdoor recreation, Coeur d'Alene is home to social amenities in the form of a bustling downtown with a seasonal farmer's market, shops, many restaurants and drinking establishments, and several music and arts events during the summer. The city and community programs provide opportunities for organized sports such as Little League baseball and softball programs, soccer, swimming, basketball, and triathlon training. Paved biking, jogging and walking trails runs along Coeur d'Alene Lake and extends 23 miles to Spokane, Washington. There are numerous theaters, bowling alleys, playhouses, and community sponsored events. More information about Coeur d'Alene social activities is located [here](#). Many professional, service, and special interest organizations offer area residents opportunities for personal growth and community service. Numerous churches of many denominations serve the community. The closest airport is located in Spokane, Washington, which is about a 40 minute drive from Coeur d'Alene.

## **ABOUT THE IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS...**

The [Idaho Panhandle National Forests](#) 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 offices 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.



# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Soil Scientist, Supervisor Office  
Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
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*If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and e-mail to [jori.a.johnson@usda.gov](mailto:jori.a.johnson@usda.gov) no later than **April 14, 2020**.*

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in: Detail/ Temp Promotion \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a current federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Employed with: USFS \_\_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of appointment: Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Region/Forest/District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, please indicate your eligibility to be hired under any of the following authorities:

- Persons with Disabilities
- Veteran
- Former Peace Corp Volunteer
- Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Oportunities Act of 1998
- Other

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

