Pre-Announcement
Archaeologist
GS-0193-9

Salmon-Challis National Forest
North Fork Ranger District
North Fork, Idaho

Respond by January 18, 2013

Position Title, Series and Grade:  Archeologist, GS-193-9

Tour of Duty:  Permanent, Full-time

Duty Station:  North Fork Ranger District, North Fork, Idaho

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is seeking to hire a permanent archaeologist in the near future. The position is located on the North Fork Ranger District in North Fork, Idaho. Information received as a result of this outreach will assist in determining the type of vacancy announcement to be used (merit and/or demo).

For additional information on this position, please contact North Zone Archaeologist, Camille Sayer at (208) 865-2716.

If you are interested in being considered for this position please complete the outreach response form below and send to North Zone Archaeologist, Camille Sayer csayer@fs.fed.us by close of business January 18, 2013.

This is a pre-announcement. Responding to this outreach will ensure you are alerted when the position is formally advertised. The announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) web site: www.usajobs.opm.gov. The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position.

Position Duties

Critical Experience and Skill Related to the Position:

Cultural Resource Inventory and Site Documentation
Field Crew Leadership
GIS Mapping
Technical Writing
The incumbent will assist the North Zone Archaeologist in the completion of a wide range of Cultural Resource Management (CRM) work across the forest. Their assigned duties will focus on project planning through GIS, field inventory and documentation, evaluating impacts of forest management on cultural resources, and project report preparation. The position requires a highly experienced individual who is able to independently execute projects in accordance with established professional archaeological standards as well as state and national guidelines. Field duties include cultural resource inventory design and implementation, crew oversight, site identification and National Register evaluation, and technical oversight of data collection and analysis. The individual will serve as a crew chief; supervising, training and scheduling activities for seasonal employees throughout the field season. Experience at the “Crew Chief” level is a must.

The incumbent must also be fully proficient in ArcGIS spatial analysis and map creation as well as have a working knowledge of GPS data collection and manipulation. Manipulation and management of ArcGIS and other site and inventory databases is central to all aspects of the job. The individual will be responsible for independently preparing several cultural resource inventory reports annually. Solid technical writing skills and knowledge of Section 106 compliance regulations and consultation procedures are required. The incumbent will be expected to participate on small project NEPA teams and complete the necessary analyses and document preparation. The incumbent is expected to provide support for fire suppression activities through archival research using ArcGIS and on the ground advising and monitoring. The individual will also assist in the development and completion of established Heritage Program goals that center on stewardship enhancement and public interpretation of cultural resources.

The position requires working outdoors for several months of the year. While the incumbent’s duty station will be in North Fork, this position requires work across the entire North Zone of the Forest and will often include driving many hours to remote locations on rough, primitive roads. Good navigation skills are a must. Accomplishment of the necessary duties will, at times, require arduous field work in inclement weather conditions. Standard field work involves hiking for several hours a day in steep, rugged, mountainous terrain. Extended overnight backpacking, pack stock or camping trips are periodically required. The incumbent must be able to carry a 45 pound backpack and lift heavy cargo and gear.
The Forest
The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range of the North Central Rockies on the east and includes over 1.3 million acres of the Frank Church--River of No Return Wilderness to the west. Rugged and remote, this country offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. The Forest also contains Mt. Borah, Idaho's tallest peak and the Wild & Scenic Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, white-water rafting and many other popular recreational pursuits. The Forest features diverse, rough topography, geologic conditions, and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Forest Supervisor Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon-Cobalt, Challis-Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts. For more information on the Forest, visit the website www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc.

The Area
The Community: North Fork has a Post Office, small café, lodging and a small gas/convenience store. North Fork is located 24 miles north of the small city of Salmon, Idaho. Salmon is the heart of the Salmon River Valley, surrounded by three mountain ranges, situated at the junction of Idaho State Highway 28 and U.S. Highway 93, and at the forks of the Lemhi and Salmon Rivers. The city has a population of approximately 3,100 and is the seat of Lemhi County which has a population of 8,000. The main industries are ranching, recreation, mining and timber. Salmon is known as the "White Water Capital of the World" serving as the hub of personal and outfitter, jet boat and rafting river activities. At 4,000 feet elevation, the surrounding terrain varies greatly from rolling, arid hills to steep, forested slopes. For more information about the city and area, visit the website www.salmonidaho.com.

Shopping and Services: Salmon is a self-contained community with a full variety of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. In addition to basic services, there are a variety of specialty shops and art galleries. Salmon also has nursing and residential care facilities, hospice, Child Development Center and a spectrum of social services. Most service clubs and associations are represented. The public library offers computer and other services, and there are two internet access providers. Local media includes a radio station, satellite and cable TV and the weekly Recorder-Herald newspaper.

Medical: The City of Salmon has a local community hospital affiliated with the major hospital of Missoula, Montana, and provides Life-Flight helicopter, EMT, Search and Rescue units, physicians, dentists, optometrists, and specialist affiliations.

Schools: A good variety of pre-schools and day-care centers are available in addition to the elementary, junior and senior high schools. The schools offer numerous extra-curricular
activities including sports and strive for quality education with creative, athletic, and scholastic achievements.

**Housing:** There are five motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. Housing prices range from approximately $65,000 to over $400,000 for larger “trophy” homes. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around $750. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds. Government housing in North Fork may me an option.

**Thank you for your interest in this position!**
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The Salmon-Challis National Forest, North Fork Ranger District is seeking qualified individuals for a permanent, full-time, GS-0193-9 Archaeologist position. Please complete and submit the outreach form located below to csayer@fs.fed.us

You may attach a brief resume to supplement the information you include on this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Current title/series/grade/location: ____________________________

Are you currently a Federal employee: (_,) YES –or- (_,) NO

Briefly describe your qualifications/interest in this position (type answer in box - it will expand as needed):

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