# September 25, 2015

# OUTREACH NOTICE

###### Forestry Technician (Sale Administration – 1 position)

#### GS-462-8/9/10

### Region 1 – Northern Rockies

### Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests (Kooskia, Idaho)

**Job Title:** Forestry Technician (Sale Administration)

**Series/Grade:** GS-462-8/9/10 **Opportunity Type:** Outreach/Advertise end of July

**Outreach Open:** Immediately (9/25/2015) **Outreach** **Closing Date:** October 16, 2015

**Primary Contact:** Tam White – Central Zone TMA/FSR **Phone:** (208) 926-6416 or (twhite@fs.fed.us)

The Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forests will soon be filling a Forestry Technician, Sale Administration position. This is a permanent full-time position located in Kooskia, Idaho.

**Vacancy Announcement**

The position is anticipated to be advertised for two weeks in October 2015. The Forest provides a unique learning and training experience for all levels of sale administration and sale preparation, due to our active sale program, diverse logging systems and terrain, and extensive interaction with other resources.

**About the Position (Described at full performance GS-10 level)**

Assets to the job include skyline logging working knowledge, Global Positioning System (GPS) and ARCMAP GIS capabilities, NEPA and presale knowledge, in addition to the sale administration experience.

Specific program duties and responsibilities include the following:

* Administration of complex logging systems, timber sale contracts, and stewardship contracts that would include a majority of the following complexities:
	+ Complex log accountability requirements,
	+ Tractor, Forwarder, Helicopter and Skyline yarding systems,
	+ Streamside Management Zones with special protection requirements,
	+ Tractor yarding and pre-designating skid trials,
	+ Harvest within the visual corridors and adjacent to private property, major forest roads, or state/federal highways,
	+ Endangered, threatened, or sensitive species of plants or animals within the sale area requiring specific action and/or protection measures by the sale administrator,
	+ Designation by Description or Prescription through Stewardship Contracts.
* Applies the technical methods, practices, and procedures of timber sale administration as well as management practices, agency policies and programs, to execute complete conventional projects or oversee day-to-day field operations in the area of timber sale administration.
* Reviews and assists in development of the contract and related pre-sale data such as the logging plan, environmental assessment report, appraisal, etc.
* Determines that all prerequisites to contract work are handled, such as advance deposits, delegations of authority, road construction and timber cutting coordination, improvement locations, operating schedule, logging plan preparation, scaling arrangements, and environmental protection measures.
* Reviews plans and schedules with purchasers to assure common understanding of conditions and responsibilities.
* Responsible for continuing field inspection and control of purchaser’s operations such as felling, skidding, and yarding, loading and hauling.
* Determines whether utilization, slash disposal, and erosion control work is adequate.
* Documents all findings for the sale record.
* Advises purchaser’s field representative of adequacy or inadequacy of operations and achieves compliance with contract terms, including safety and employment requirements.
* Determines when log hauling may be allowed on system roads.
* Initiates requests for payment, bond changes, or cooperative work.
* Reviews timber sale statement of account and maintains controls to ensure that all payments and deposits are made.
* Coordinates sale administration duties with other timber and related activities.
* Serves as the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) on service and/or stewardship contracts.
* Ensures that all contractual obligations are met before making final inspection, work acceptance, and ultimately recommending sale closure.
* Occasionally serves as Interdisciplinary Team member. Analyzes timber sale proposals or options for each alternative and prepares specialist reports.
* Assists in timber sale layout and other presale duties as available.

**Duty Station**

The position is permanent full-time located on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests stationed in Kooskia, Idaho.

**NEZ PERCE - CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST:**

The Nez Perce Clearwater N.F. sells about 125,000 ccf (65 mmbf) per year and the Central Zone’s share is about 60,000 ccf (32 mmbf). Sale logging systems consist of about 20% tractor, 75% skyline and 5% helicopter. The Zone uses stewardship contracting on 75% of the sales.

The Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest includes approximately 4 million acres of land that ranges in elevation from 1,600 to almost 9,000 feet. The Supervisor’s Office is located in Kamiah, Idaho. The Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest offers an abundance of recreation opportunities. From hiking to horseback riding, whitewater trips, to snowmobiling, bird watching to big-game hunting and blue ribbon trout stream fishing…. The list goes on, matching the numerous interests of the Forest’s visitors. Of course, there’s plenty of opportunity for leisurely camping as well as challenges awaiting the visitor to the backcountry or the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Go to: <http://fsweb.npclw.r1.fs.fed.us/> for more specific information on the Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest.

***AREA POPULATION and CLIMATE:*** There are 750 people living in Kooskia. It is definitely small-town living, with 1 grocery store, 2 gas stations, 3 restaurants, a bank and an auto parts store being the main businesses. Kamiah, which is seven miles downstream along the Clearwater River, has a population of 1,500, excluding several significant housing developments near town. Kooskia's elevation is 1260 feet, and Kamiah's is 1200 feet. The average precipitation is 23 inches, coming mostly in the form of rain in the valley and snow on the surrounding hills. The climate is mild, with the average summer temperature at 71 degrees (highs in the 90s) and the average winter temperature 33 degrees. The frost-free gardening season extends from around May 15 until October 15.

***HOUSING:*** The housing market has plenty to offer, although rentals are limited. Rental rates for an average three-bedroom home range from $350 to $650 per month. Purchase price for a three-bedroom home ranges from $85,000 to $250,000 or more. Employees commute from Kamiah - seven miles; Orofino - 30 miles, and Grangeville - 25 miles. Area population centers are Lewiston - 70 miles away; Moscow, 110 miles away; Missoula, Montana - 150 miles away and Spokane, Washington - 190 miles away.

***SCHOOL and CHURCHES:*** Schools are available in the Kooskia/Kamiah area for preschool through 12th grades. A small Christian school for 1st grade through 8th grade is located in Kamiah. Child care is generally available in the area. The University of Idaho at Moscow is a two-hour drive from Kooskia, and Washington State University at Pullman, Washington is 15 miles beyond that. Lewis-Clark State College at Lewiston is approximately a one and one-half hour drive. Most major religious affiliations are represented in the Kooskia/Kamiah area.

***MEDICAL:*** A small medical clinic is located in Kooskia with additional physicians, dentists and another medical clinic available in Kamiah. A Nez Perce Indian health clinic is located in Kamiah. Ambulance service is available in both Kooskia and Kamiah. Small hospitals are located within approximately 45 minutes--at Grangeville, Cottonwood and Orofino. Full service medical facilities are located in Lewiston, Spokane and Missoula.

***RECREATION:*** There are two parks in Kooskia and two in Kamiah, and both communities have lighted tennis courts. Adult volleyball, basketball and softball teams are formed in the communities. There is an outdoor community swimming pool in Kamiah.

The Middle Fork Clearwater Wild and Scenic River system, which includes the Lochsa and Selway tributaries, begins at Kooskia. Excellent hunting and fishing, back-packing, hiking, horseback riding, white-water rafting and skiing are among the many outdoor recreational activities enjoyed in the area. The nearby Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness encompasses one and one-quarter million acres. U.S. Highway 12 and Idaho State Highway 13 junction at Kooskia and have been designated as State Scenic Routes.

 Small downhill ski areas are located near Grangeville, Cottonwood and Pierce, with cross-country ski trails located at Grangeville and Lolo Pass. A larger ski area is located at McCall, Idaho, which is about a two-hour drive from Kooskia.

***Annual events that highlight the Kooskia/Kamiah area are:*** Clearwater Valley Rodeo Association and Central Idaho Rodeo Association Rodeos, Valley Singers Concerts (Easter, 4th of July and Christmas), a 4th of July fireworks display, Kooskia Days, Nez Perce Indian Rally, Elk Bugling and Mule Packing Contest, Kamiah Barbeque Days, Kamiah Dinner Theater and Kamiah Swim Team Crab Feed. Kooskia boosts an Opera House with numerous theater performances.

**NEZ PERCE-CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

This is an Outreach for the Sale Administration Vacancy Announcement Position

If you wish to express interest in this position, please complete this Outreach Interest Form and email along with a resume to Tam White,TMA/FSR, twhite@fs.fed.us, by October 16, 2015.

 Position Identification

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| Position of Interest: | SALE ADMINISTRATOR |
| Series/Grade: | GS-462-8/9/10 |
| Location: | Kooskia, Idaho |
| Applicant Information |
| Name: |   | E-Mail Address: |   |
| Mailing Address: |   |
| Work Phone: |  | Alternate Phone: |  |
| Agency Employed with: |  [ ]  USFS [ ]  BLM [ ]  NPS [ ]  Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Type of Appointment: |  [ ]  Permanent [ ]  Temporary [ ]  Term [ ]  VRA [ ]  PWD [ ]  Other [ ]  Not Current Employee |
| **Current Region/Forest/District:** |  |
| **Current Series And Grade If Applicable:** |  |
| **Current Position Title:** |  |
| **Where Did You Hear About Vacancy/Outreach?:** |  |
| If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities: |
| [ ]  Reinstatement[ ]  Veterans Recruitment Act[ ]  Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability[ ]  Veteran’s Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | [ ]  Person with Disabilities[ ]  Former Peace Corps Volunteer[ ]  Pathways (former Student Career Experience Program) [ ]  Other       |
| Additional Remarks |
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