

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests is looking for an energetic and engaging individual to fill a challenging staff position on our fantastic forest. We will soon be advertising and filling a Vegetation Management Staff Officer (GS-0401-13) vacancy with a duty station in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Coeur d'Alene is a highly desirable location with great amenities and year round outdoor opportunities.

This individual reports directly to the Forest Supervisor and is a member of the Forest Leadership Team. The position is responsible for the vegetation management program, including oversight of the Forest's 5 Year Action Plan, an integrated vegetation management plan. The position also manages the Forest's range and NEPA programs. There is routine coordination with the Ecosystem Staff Officer to implement an integrated program of work through the NFRR fund code. The position also coordinates timber management plans with other activities such stewardship, fuels, silviculture, and appeals and litigation. The incumbent provides program direction and evaluation of these programs and related activities.

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity AND to seek a candidate interested in a detail opportunity for this position.

If you'd like the opportunity to detail into this position prior to it being filled, please contact Mary Farnsworth at <a href="mailto:mfarnsworth@fs.fed.us">mfarnsworth@fs.fed.us</a> or (208) 765-7210.

Do note that the Forest Service is transitioning to new staffing software; applicants must have a USAJobs profile to apply.

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice form (page 3) and forward it to Mary Farnsworth, IPNF Forest Supervisor, at mfarnsworth@fs.fed.us.

## ABOUT THE IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS (IPNF):

The IPNFs offer a challenging and rewarding work environment consisting of a large vegetation management program, recreation, and special uses, in addition to working with a variety of individuals and groups interested in collaborating on issues and projects. Major issues revolve around access, recreation, white pine restoration, and protection and enhancement of habitat for threatened and endangered woodland caribou, grizzly bear, and bull trout.

The IPNF is an aggregation of the Coeur d'Alene and portions of the Kaniksu and St. Joe National Forests. The forest is comprised of about 2.5 million acres of public lands, spanning through the "panhandle" of north Idaho and extending into eastern Washington and western Montana. The IPNF is a diverse forest encompassing 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. The Forest is home to about 500 permanent and permanent part-time employees. There are eight local points of contact including the Supervisor's Office, six district offices and the Coeur d'Alene Nursery.

### ABOUT COEUR D'ALENE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA:

Complete with spectacular North Idaho sunsets and the glowing lights of downtown, the city of Coeur d'Alene (pronounced core-da-lane) is an increasingly popular four-season destination for summer and winter recreation. Located on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the city is home to approximately 44,137 people and offers a variety of festivals and fairs, from fun to elegant. Monthly events such as Art Walk feature seven galleries in a seven block area. Downtown Coeur d'Alene (CDA) features over 100 merchants and dining establishments.

The CDA area offers a wide range of activities, both indoor and outdoor. There are unlimited recreational opportunities within minutes of town, with more than 55 lakes within easy driving distance, dozens of which were left behind by the glaciers of the ice age. The beautiful natural surroundings offer downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice-skating, and ice-fishing in the winter. Fishing, hunting, golfing, boating, sailing, hiking, swimming, and many other activities can be enjoyed at various times of the year.

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, Potlatch and Spokane International Railroads cross the Idaho Panhandle. CDA is easy to reach: located off Interstate 90 only 40 miles away from the Spokane International Airport. Missoula, Montana is 180 miles to the east, and Seattle, Washington, is 330 miles to the west. The Canadian border is 90 miles to the north.

Situated within 45 minutes from the Spokane International Airport, CDA is a destination that is easy to get to but hard to leave. The Spokane International Airport is the main hub for air travel and is served by 65 non-stop daily flights from cities including Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Portland, Seattle, Boise, Oakland, Salt Lake City and others. The CDA Airport located in CDA is a general aviation airport located north of the city near Highway 95. The CDA Airport provides charter and private air service, with the capacity to land 34-seat passenger planes. There are vans, taxis, rental cars and shuttles available from both airports.

*Elevation*: Coeur d'Alene is 2,152 feet above sea level.

Weather: Average High Temperatures: 86 F in July, 61 F in October, 34 F in January, 59 F in April

Average Annual rainfall: 26 inches

Average Annual snowfall: 30 to 80 inches

**Population:** City of Coeur d'Alene – 44,137 (2010 U.S. Census) Kootenai County – 138,494 (2010 U.S.)

http://coeurdalene.org/

# OUTREACH NOTICE FORM Renewable Resources Staff Officer GS-0401-13

# Respond by November 20, 2015

Position Title/Series/Grade: Renewable Resources Staff Officer

Duty Station: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Please save this page and return the Outreach form to Mary Farnsworth, <a href="mailto:mfarnsworth@fs.fed.us">mfarnsworth@fs.fed.us</a>

# Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Current title/series/grade/location: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Type of appointment you are currently under \_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

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

Are you currently a Federal employee: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_