**November 4, 2015**

 

**OUTREACH NOTICE**

**North Zone Vegetation Staff Officer**

**GS-460-11**

**Idaho Panhandle National Forests**

**North Zone**

Duty Location:

Bonners Ferry, ID

The North Zone of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF) is currently seeking a candidate for the position of Vegetation Staff Officer (GS-0486-11) with a duty station in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. To express interest in the position, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and return to **Kevin Knauth** at **kevinsknauth@fs.fed.us**by the close of business on **November 20, 2015.** For more information about this position, please contact Kevin Knauthat (208) 267-6701.

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

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](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/visit/offices.html) including the Supervisor's Office, six district offices and the [Coeur d'Alene Nursery](http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/eco/nursery.html). 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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/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.

###### **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 North Zone rangers will collectively approve a program of work to ensure the highest priority work is accomplished. The District Ranger at Bonners Ferry will supervise the vegetation staff officer.

###### **ABOUT THE POSITION**

Much of the Zone’s silviculture program is focused on the restoration of white pine, western larch, ponderosa-pine, and whitebark pine forests**.** This work is accomplished through a combination of timber harvest, prescribed burning, timber stand improvement, and reforestation.The Bonners Ferry District works closely with the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) as part of the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). KVRI seeks a landscape-scale approach to long-term ecosystem sustainability.

Duties Include:

* Planning and implementing the Zone’s silviculture and presale programs, including developing program goals, objectives, priorities, monitoring accomplishments, and budget expenditures.
* Interdisciplinary team member for planning of land management activities which include: terrestrial and aquatic habitat restoration with timber outputs, water quality restoration, and recreation and land use permits.
* Preparing written and oral reports and making suggestions and recommendations for inclusion in a variety of reports and decision documents.
* Developing silvicultural prescriptions for all vegetation management activities on the Zone
* Managing the District’s FACTs database and annual KV program of work.
* Preparation of grants, agreements, partnership documents, contracts, and environmental documents.

This position needs someone with interest and abilities in leadership, program management, communication, and teamwork.

There is no government housing available.

***ABOUT THE AREA:***

The **Bonners Ferry Ranger District** is located in the community of Bonners Ferry, a full service community nestled along the Kootenai River. Bonners Ferry has a population of 2,473 and is the county seat for Boundary County, population 10,808. Boundary County borders Canada to the north, Washington to the west, Montana to the east, and Bonner County, Idaho to the south.

The community is home to Boundary Community Hospital, numerous medical and dental offices, ambulance service, several pharmacies, residential care, senior services, hospice, a public library, community theatre, county-owned airport, radio station, weekly newspaper, elementary, middle, and high school, city swimming pool, historical museum, several grocery stores, restaurants, and motels.

Along with excellent hunting and fishing, Bonners Ferry and surrounding areas offer unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities such as hiking, mountain biking/cycling, rock hounding, camping, dramatic scenery, golfing, history, winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort is located 38 miles south of Bonners Ferry in Sandpoint Idaho.

The Bonners Ferry Ranger District is home to a multitude of big game species including white-tailed deer, mule deer, black bear, elk, moose, mountain goat, big horned sheep, cougar, lynx and bobcat. The area is also home to two very special species; the woodland caribou and the grizzly bear. The Selkirk Mountains are the last home in the Continental United States of the Endangered woodland caribou. The grizzly bear also finds refuge in the high peaks there, as well as other areas of the district.

There are a multitude of bird species for the bird watcher including osprey, hawk, eagle, pileated woodpecker and many varieties of owl. The principal upland game birds are blue grouse, Franklin grouse and ruffed grouse, duck, and geese. There are 271 miles of streams and 297 acres of lakes in the district, furnishing habitat for considerable fish and waterfowl, including rainbow and brook trout, sturgeon, whitefish, bass and salmon.

Sandpoint, Idaho is located 32 miles south of Bonners Ferry. Coeur d’Alene, Idaho is the closest urban area (1.5 hours to the south), Spokane, WA (2.0 hours to the south), Kalispell, MT (2.5 hours to the southeast), and Missoula, MT (4.0 hours to the southeast).

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**Outreach Interest Form**

**North Zone Vegetation Staff Officer**

**GS-0460-11**

**Idaho Panhandle National Forest**

 **North Zone**

***Candidate Profile***

NAME: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: \_\_\_\_USFS \_\_\_\_BLM FWS

 \_\_\_\_OTHER (SPECIFY)

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_TERM \_\_\_\_\_VRA \_\_\_\_\_PWD \_\_\_\_\_OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT/UNIT:

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

 \_\_\_\_\_PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

 \_\_\_\_\_VETERANS READJUSTMENT

 \_\_\_\_\_DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

 \_\_\_\_\_VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

 \_\_\_\_\_FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

 \_\_\_\_\_INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT

 \_\_\_\_\_OTHER\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in our detail opportunity!**

**Respond by:** November 20, 2015

**Respond to:** *Kevin Knauth at* *kevinsknauth@fs.fed.us*