

FOREST SERVICE TEMPORARY POSITIONS

Summer 2023



TRAIL CREW/WILDERNESS RANGER

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA • SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST

These positions are open for applications September 29th, 2022 through October 6th, 2022.

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is looking for talented individuals to join our professional and diverse workforce for the 2023 field season in the Wilderness and Trails program. If you are looking for a rewarding job connecting you to our public lands and those who enjoy them, then this is an opportunity for you. The Sawtooth National Forest sustains a highly inclusive and supportive work environment where we celebrate people of all life experiences. Our Forest is a welcoming place where everyone is valued and respected for all they bring to our community.

The duty station is located in Stanley, Idaho. Bunkhouse facilities may be available but are not guaranteed. Individuals working on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area can expect to perform their duties in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow. Applicants must be physically fit and at least 18 years of age.

Positions will start around the end of May and last through September, with the possibility that work may extend into October.

TRAIL CREW

FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (TRAILS)

Position: GS-0462-04/05/06

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-04	Forestry Technician (Trails)	Stanley, ID	23-TEMP3-R4-2860-4DT-SC	Caitlin Frawley (208) 774-3032 caitlin.frawley@usda.gov
GS-0462-05	Forestry Technician (Trails)	Stanley, ID	23-TEMP3-R4-2861-5DT-AW	
GS-0462-06	Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) Lead	Stanley, ID Ketchum, ID	23-TEMP3-R4-0038-6DT-SC	

Trail crew members will perform a wide range of duties specific to the trails program. The crew members will use a variety of tools and equipment to maintain and construct trails, log out trails, build bridges, install and maintain water-bars, and/or build rock-walls. Crew members camp and work in remote locations for extended periods of time (up to eight days) and are expected to contribute to a positive group dynamic. Individuals must

be physically fit and able to hike 5-12 miles per day with heavy packs and tools while completing arduous manual labor in remote areas. Crew members will work and camp in all weather conditions, including inclement weather. Schedules vary but during the core summer months the trail crew works eight 10-hour days followed by six days off. Hitches can consist of day trips or eight days in the backcountry. Trips may be stock supported or conducted while backpacking. GS-05 and GS-06 levels are expected to have extensive trail skills to lead and train lower grade employees.

For the Forestry Technician (Trails) GS-05 and Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) GS-06 positions please highlight specialized trail experience including stock use, advanced trail building skills, and leadership experience.

WILDERNESS RANGER
FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (WILDERNESS/TRAILS)
Position: GS-0462-05/06

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-05	Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails)	Stanley, ID	23-TEMP3-R4-0008-5DT-ME	Tom Winter (208) 774-3017 thomas.winter@usda.gov
GS-0462-06	Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails)	Stanley, ID Ketchum, ID	23-TEMP3-R4-0038-6DT-SC	

Wilderness Rangers work and travel in pairs as well as independently during their field hitches. A Wilderness Ranger needs the skills and confidence to work alone, be self-reliant and self-sufficient. Additionally, they must possess interpersonal skills to work closely with a partner(s) while in a backcountry environment on multi-day hitches. Schedule varies dependent on time of year, but during the busy summer months Rangers work eight 10-hour days followed by six days off.

The selected individual(s) will serve as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO), making visitor contacts to educate and enforce forest rules and regulations while completing annual trail maintenance. Wilderness Rangers work in remote settings both on and off-trail, so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Travel is usually on foot, above 5000' in elevation, while carrying a backpack that contains personal overnight gear as well as work supplies and tools. 40–60-pound loads are considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Most of the work will be in the Sawtooth Wilderness, Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness, and the Hemmingway-Boulder Wilderness but may occur in non-Wilderness settings. Other duties include campsite and trail maintenance, repair and maintenance of signs and structures at trailheads and within the backcountry, preparation and presentation of wilderness education programs, and inventory and monitoring of recreation and biological resources. Rangers may also use tablets or GPS to collect and store data.

Current FPO credentials are preferred. Skills and abilities needed: Knowledgeable and proficient in backcountry travel; good communication skills to effectively interact with the public and co-workers; experience with trail maintenance and/or construction; highly self-motivated; able to complete office work in an organized and timely manner. Leaders are expected to have wilderness/trails skills to lead and train lower grade employees in performing duties as a wilderness ranger.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Stanley, Idaho is a remote community with a population of approximately 100 year-round residents, located at the foothills of the Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities; hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, white water rafting and kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures, and cross country skiing. The climate can be extreme. Snow may extend from November through mid-May with temperatures frequently dropping to -20(F) degrees in the winter months. The area has a year-round Medical Clinic staffed with an on-call physician's assistance. Major medical services are available 60 miles south in Ketchum or 120 miles southwest in Boise. The same distances apply for shopping for anything other than basic grocery items. There are several sporting goods shops and restaurants open in the summer months as well as one general mercantile.

How to Apply

You can apply for these positions at: www.usajobs.gov. This is the Federal Governments Official Jobs Site. Through the announcement you will be instructed to electronically attach additional information (resume, SF-50 [former Federal employee]), training documentation/certificates, college transcripts, etc.)

To be considered for certain position locations, it must be among the locations you have selected.

Questions about a specific position or office location should be directed to the contact for that position. Not every position will have government housing available.

If you have further questions please visit the Sawtooth National Forest website at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/sawtooth/about-forest/jobs and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sawtoothnationalforest

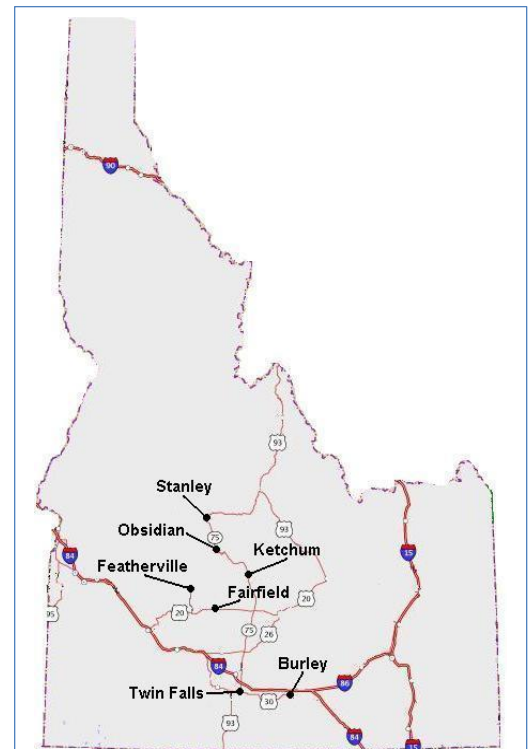
The application process can be competitive, to ensure you will be successful, visit the following websites:

Federal Resume Help:

<https://www.archives.gov/files/careers/jobs/forms/resume-guide.pdf>

The Application Process:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5390856.pdf



When applying for these positions you MUST choose the correct duty location before submitting your application. If you do not choose this location as a location choice your name will not appear on the list of applicants that we receive.