

Forestry Student Great Opportunity on the Payette National Forest in Central Idaho

The Payette National Forest is planning to fill a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) position for a New Meadows Ranger District Timber Sale Administrator trainee. A SCEP gives students a planned, progressive career-related employment program. If the SCEP requirements are met, a SCEP student may be appointed to a career conditional position without competition.

The Payette National Forest spans 2.3 million acres of rugged, timbered and remote land in west-central Idaho, and is bordered by two of the deepest canyons in North America - the Salmon River Canyon on the north and Hells Canyon of the Snake River on the west. The topography is characterized by rough mountains, deep canyons, mountain meadows, rivers and streams, high mountain lakes, and wilderness. One can easily access hot, desert-like areas as well as heavily-forested alpine regions through an extensive system of Forest roads and trails. The Forest has five ranger districts which offer a wealth of year-round recreation and tourism opportunities. The Supervisor's Office, McCall, and Krassel District offices are located in McCall, Idaho. The other three forest district offices are in New Meadows, Council, and Weiser, Idaho. The Payette National Forest in central Idaho is home of the largest wilderness area in the lower 48.

As a Timber Sale Administrator, you will visit active timber sales daily to ensure that all logging activities are in compliance with the Timber Sale Contract. Timber Sale Administration is one of the most dynamic field-going jobs in the Forest Service. It requires an individual who is comfortable working outside, in all types of weather, and with a variety of personalities including Forest Service employees, timber sale contractors, and the public. The job will include driving on narrow, winding, and rough mountain roads.

Duty Station will be New Meadows, a small, quiet community with a population of about 580 in beautiful central Idaho. The primary industry around New Meadows is logging and ranching. New Meadows has a post office, grocery store, library, bank, developed hot springs, two gas stations, four restaurants, two bars, one medical clinic, two churches, and a volunteer ambulance and fire department. Government housing will be available this summer at the bunkhouse in town for \$3.99/day.

McCall, located 11 miles southeast of New Meadows, is a full service community with a hospital, numerous churches, grocery stores, restaurants, and service stations. McCall also has a year-round hockey rink, and bars and restaurants that often feature live music. Cultural events include local theatre, the Summer Music Festival at the historical town of Roseberry in July, and the Harmonica Festival the mountain town of Yellow Pine in August. Recreation opportunities abound on the Payette National Forest. Summer activities include camping, hiking, all kinds of boating, fishing, biking, swimming, horseback riding, and huckleberry picking. Winter activities include alpine skiing and snow boarding, cross country skiing, and back country skiing. Other winter activities include snowmobiling, skating, hockey, curling, splitting firewood, and shoveling snow.

Interested candidates should send a resume, transcript*, and **cover letter to:

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*Does not need to be an official transcript for this stage although one may be requested later.

**Cover letter should tell a little about the individual such as when they are available, if they need housing, year in school, why the job looks interesting, and any other pertinent information.