

OUTREACH NOTICE

Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs

History, Wildlands and Wild Experiences!

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The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests is outreaching a GS-1399-03/04/05 physical sciences intern with planned conversion to GS-1350-05/07/09 Geologist. The duty station is Kamiah, ID. Interested applicants should send a resume and the attached outreach form to Curtis Caton, Minerals Program Manager, on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests at curtis.l.caton@usda.gov by October 17, 2021.

ABOUT THE JOB



Series/Grade: GS-1399-03/04/05

Title: Physical Sciences Intern

Location: Kamiah, ID

Tour of Duty: Intern

The Position Duties Include:

This intern position supports the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests locatable, saleable, and leasable minerals program. The minerals program includes a very active suction dredging season and numerous hard rock and placer exploration projects.

The intern will support the minerals program on a variety of projects where minerals and geology activities have an effect on development and/or management of forest resources. They will assist Forest Mineral Administrators/Geologists in examining forest land, inspecting mineral operations for compliance with operating plans, monitor mineral leasing activities, and provide input to land management planning efforts.

What are we looking for in a Candidate: The Forest is looking for an enthusiastic, self-motivated individual to meet the challenges of this position. To be successful in this job you must be a self-starter and have a demonstrated track record of leading people in an ever-changing environment. You must be willing to take on challenges and provide innovative solutions to complex problems. Successful candidates must have excellent communication skills and be able to work collaboratively with external partners.

ABOUT THE NEZ PERCE – CLEARWATER NATIONAL FORESTS

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are about:

- *Promoting and protecting our history, wildlands, and wild experiences;*
- *Connecting with our communities;*
- *Building and restoring resiliency in our diverse landscapes, workforce and relationships.*

The Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs are a complex fire forest with diverse ecosystems that range from dry ponderosa pine to coastal disjunct communities. Wildfire is the primary driving force in the forested ecosystems. Last year, approximately 190,000 acres burned on the Forests along with many acres on state and private land.

The four million acre forest extends from the Selway-Bitterroot Continental Divide to Hells Canyon. Approximately one third of the Forest is wilderness, another third is roadless designated under the Idaho Roadless Rule, and the final third is referred to as the “Front Country” where the majority of timber harvest and roaded recreation occurs.

There are six Ranger Districts with approximately 325 permanent employees and over 225 seasonal employees during the summer field season. The Forests host the Grangeville Smokejumper, Grangeville Air Center and Grangeville Dispatch Center.

There is an active collaborative group with strong regional and national relationships. The Clearwater Basin Collaborative represents all interests and have been instrumental in garnering support for restoration projects, including projects under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. There is one CFLRP area on the Forest - Clear Creek.

The Forest also has multiple partnerships that are critical for accomplishing our work including: Selway-Bitterroot Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Nez Perce Tribe, and multiple recreation groups amongst others.



The current Forest priorities are:

- **Fire Recovery** focusing on hazard tree removal and restoring lands and facilities burned by the 2015 fires.
- **Landscape Restoration** focusing on working with Clearwater Basin Collaborative, Nez Perce Tribe and others to accomplish landscape-scale restoration to improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as providing local employment.
- **Forest Plan Revision** under the 2012 Planning Rule. The Forest is an early adopter of the Planning Rule and the resulting Forest Plan will be viewed by many as an example. The Forest Plan and accompanying environmental impact statement will be completed within two years.
- **Wildland Fire Preparedness** including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

More information about the Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs is available at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater>

Contact:

For more information about the position contact: Curtis Caton, Minerals Program Manager, at 208-702-2031, or email curtis.l.caton@usda.gov.

For information about salary, or job series, visit the [US Office of Personnel Management website](#).

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GS-1399-03/04/05 Physical Sciences Intern

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Duty Station: Kamiah, Idaho

Respond by: October 17, 2021

If you are interested in this position, please complete this outreach interest form and email the form and a resume to Curtis Caton at curtis.l.caton@usda.gov

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

E-Mail:

Address:

Work Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Agency Employed with: ☐ USFS ☐ Other (Please list):

Type of appointment currently under (please check one):

☐ Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Term ☐ Other (Please list):

Current Title:

Current Series/Grade:

Current Region/Forest/District/Unit:

Are you interested in a secondary firefighter position? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

(A secondary firefighter position requires at least 90 days of wildland firefighting experience. There is no age limit. Firefighter retirement coverage of the incumbent depends upon his or her individual work history. Secondary firefighter positions participates in wildland fire fighting activities. Passing the Work Capacity Test at the Moderate level – completing a two mile hike with a 25 lbs. pack within 30 minutes –would be a condition for employment if this position is filled as a secondary firefighter.)

If you are 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

☐ Former Peace Corp Volunteer

☐ Veterans Recruitment Appointment

☐ Pathways Program

☐ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability

☐ Other (explain):

☐ Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Please describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position. Attach your response to this outreach.

This outreach form does not constitute an application. The vacancy announcement will be available on the USAJOBS website: www.usajobs.gov/