The Payette National Forest is seeking candidates to fill 2 positions; one is a GS-0462-5 guaranteed work for a minimum of 13 pay periods and the second position is a GS-0462 6/7 forestry technician guaranteed work for a minimum of 18 pay periods. Interested applicants should contact Jeremy Greenwood, Payette National Forest New Meadows Ranger District at 208-347-0315 or jsgreenwood@fs.fed.us. Posted January 22, 2016.

Respond to this outreach if interested by February 5, 2016.

**ABOUT THE JOB**

**GS-5:** The primary duties are in timber sale preparation with duties in other areas as assigned. The incumbent independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest, takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality and determines defect. Incumbent traverses harvest unit boundaries using handheld GPS units or compass and laser. Incumbent is required to attain and to maintain certification as a Region 4 Qualified Cruiser. Familiarity with field data recorders, GPS and Microsoft Office products is highly desirable. Travel may be required for training or assignments. Transfer of station and government housing may be available.

**GS-6/7:** The primary duties are in timber sale preparation with duties in other areas as assigned. At full performance level this position supervises a GS-6 (13/13) and a GS-5 (13/13) in addition to a temporary workforce. Provides leadership, technical and administrative supervision to employees primarily engaged in timber sale prep activities. Responsibilities include distributing workload among employees, making adjustments to meet changes in workload and priorities, ensures equipment is available, ready and safe to use. Maintains work accomplishment records and reports, responsible for completing Job Hazard Analysis, conducting weekly tailgate safety sessions and ensuring crew work is conducted safely. Prepares training and operating guidelines, gives instructions on new assignments and takes corrective action to obtain a satisfactory quality and quantity of work. Approves leave, resolves informal complaints, trains employees, develops performance standards and evaluates employee performance.
Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber, develops and drafts timber cruise plans, and provides field instruction in fundamental timber measuring practices, cruise methods and techniques. Conducts timber sale layout for both ground based and skyline logging systems. Incumbent uses either GPS handheld units or compass and laser to traverse harvest unit boundaries, road locations and to determine area. Prepares area maps and marks boundaries. Summarizes cruising and marking data and prepares reports. Incumbent is required to attain and to maintain certification as a Region 4 Qualified Cruiser with an eventual advancement to Advanced Cruiser. Familiarity with field data recorders, GPS, mobile GIS/GIS, skyline profile analysis and Microsoft Office products is highly desirable. Travel may be required for training or assignments. Transfer of station and government housing may be available.

**ABOUT THE PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST**

The Payette National Forest contains some of Idaho’s most beautiful and diverse country. Located north of Boise in west-central Idaho, the 2.3 million acre forest extends 100 miles west to east, from Hells Canyon to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The forest stretches 70 miles between the Main Salmon River to the north and the Weiser River to the south. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The current Forest priorities are:

- **Landscape Restoration** focusing on working with collaborative groups to accomplish landscape-scale restoration in the Weiser River and Little Salmon watersheds, which will improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as provide local employment through stewardship contracting.

- **Recreation Management** supporting developed and dispersed recreation opportunities during both summer and winter seasons across the Forest, stewardship of the Payette’s portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, and providing outstanding public service.

- **Range Management** addressing Bighorn Sheep viability and sustainable management of cattle and domestic sheep grazing allotments.

- **Minerals Management** of significant minerals projects and the numerous smaller minerals development projects.

- **Wildland Fire Preparedness** including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

We hope you will consider the Payette National Forest as your future home for career and recreation. More information on the Payette National Forest is available at: [www.fs.usda.gov/payette](http://www.fs.usda.gov/payette).

**NEW MEADOWS**
Located between McCall and Council, the community of New Meadows is home to approximately 500 residents. The town sits at 3900 feet in a wide valley with forested slopes on each side. New Meadows boasts exceptional outdoor recreation, with an 18-hole golf course, a 10 mile drive to Brundage Resort and world-class fishing on the Salmon River to the north. The average summer temperature is just under 80 degrees, and snow covers the ground from December to March. The New Meadows Ranger District office is located here.

New Meadows has a K-12 school system, all housed on the same campus. Class sizes are small, with student:teacher ratios under 20:1. The high school boasts a strong science program, with a weeklong field trip offered each spring break. Community support for the school is strong, with financial support through supplemental levies passed on a regular basis. For more information: [http://www.mvsd11.org/](http://www.mvsd11.org/)

New Meadows offers services and amenities that include one grocery store, a library, a senior center, several service stations and motels, and several restaurants and coffee shops.

Government housing is available on a limited basis. Rental prices vary. Average home prices are generally between $150,000 and $250,000, higher than the Council area but lower than McCall.

**Nearby communities (within an hour’s drive) include:**
- Council
- Riggins
- McCall
- Donnelly

**More information:**
- [http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/](http://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/)
- [http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)

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For information about how to apply for a federal job, the salary, or job series, visit the [US Office of Personnel Management website](http://www.opm.gov).