The Payette National Forest is seeking candidates to fill up to two GS-0460-11 Silviculturist position(s). The position(s) will be located at either Council and/or New Meadows, Idaho. These are permanent, full time positions. Interested applicants should contact Kim Pierson, New Meadows District Ranger at 208-347-0301 kpierson@fs.fed.us and/or Greg Lesch, Council District Ranger at 208-253-0101 glesch@fs.fed.us between March 7th, 2016 and March 17th, 2016.

ABOUT THE JOB

Each position serves as the District Silviculturist (Weiser / Council &/or New Meadows Ranger Districts).

The Silviculturalist position(s) on the New Meadows and Council Ranger Districts would primarily be involved in CFLRP restoration projects. New Meadows and Council have both completed a 50,000 to 80,000 acre restoration EISs and are working on implementation and layout. New Meadows is working on laying out and preparing eleven new IRTCs (spell out) and one fire salvage timber sale while also preparing a new 50,000+ acre restoration EIS located on Council Ranger District. The Council Ranger District is finishing both the implementation of five stewardships and the preparation of another 50,000 acre restoration EIS. The position(s) would focus on the completing restoration NEPA documents, working with the Payette Forest Coalition (PFC), assisting the zoned TMA with implementation of forest restoration NEPA, zoned NFMA data collection (New Meadows), and zoned TSI program (Council). The silviculturalist would be in close coordination with the district rangers, TMA, specialists, and collaborators.

The position is a full member of the District Management Team and serves as Acting District Ranger on a rotational basis, for their Duty Location.
WHY COME TO IDAHO AND THE PAYETTE NF?

The Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters project on the Payette National Forest was selected in February 2012 as one of 10 new projects to receive annual funding from the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP). This annual restoration budget will greatly accelerate the rate of restoration on forested lands including both terrestrial wildlife habitats and aquatic habitats, and contribute to the local economy.

The Weiser-Little Salmon Headwaters CLFRP takes a broad scale look at 972,000 acre area across three ranger districts, and proposes a combination of timber harvest, thinning, prescribed burning, restoration, and recreation improvement activities to restore watershed conditions, wildlife habitat, and promote the development of ponderosa pine forest habitat.

These projects occur as part of a collaborative effort with the Payette Forest Coalition, a group representing many stakeholders. Both Ranger Districts are in the middle of implementing large landscape level restoration projects (Mill Creek Council Mountain and Lost Creek Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project) while also completing NEPA for the Middle Fork Weiser River and Huckleberry Landscape Restoration projects. These projects work on large scale levels (50,000 acres or more) that focus on landscape restoration, watershed improvement, and prescribed fire in an extremely aggressive timeframes.

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.
- **Rangeland Management** managing for sustainable rangeland resources such as soil, water and native vegetation while administering livestock grazing permits and monitoring to maintain separation between domestic sheep and bighorn sheep during the grazing season.
- **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).

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**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/)
McCall, located in Valley County, lies 100 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55. Sitting at 5,000 feet, it occupies the south shore of beautiful Payette Lake. The population swells from 2,700 to 10-20,000 in the summer during the peak of tourist season and in the winter during the annual Winter Carnival celebration. Total snowfall is over 10 feet, allowing McCall to boast some of the best winter recreation in the state, with snowmobiling, sledding, Nordic and downhill skiing. Brundage and Tamarack Resorts are within a short drive. Summer is shorter than at lower elevations but is ideal, with daytime temperatures in the 70-80s, and a few days in the 90s. Payette Lake provides plenty of swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities in the summer; a state park and adjacent Forest lands provide ample hiking, running and biking trails. Sunshine is common in all seasons. Access to the expansive and remote Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Wilderness are located nearby.

McCall is a full-service community that fills most needs. It has a regional hospital, an integrative health clinic, dentists, chiropractors, and optometrists. McCall also has several service stations, two grocery stores, motels, banks, lumber yards, a variety of restaurants, coffee shops, a wide variety of shopping, daycare centers (including a Forest-sponsored daycare), a public and a private golf course and an airport. Numerous churches are located in the surrounding area.

The community has an excellent grade school, new middle school, a high school that serves both Donnelly and McCall, and an alternative school. Numerous extra-curricular activities and electives are available. There is a strong winter sports program, with both downhill and Nordic after school ski programs. For more information: [http://www.mdsd.org/](http://www.mdsd.org/)

The Payette National Forest Supervisor’s Office, McCall and Krassel Ranger District offices, Tanker Base, Payette Dispatch, McCall Smokejumper Base, and McCall Helibase are all located in McCall. Government housing is available on a very limited basis. Average housing cost is in the $250,000 to $350,000 range. Rentals are available from $900 to $1,200/month.

**For more information about living the dream in McCall, visit these websites:**

- [McCall Public Schools](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [McCall Chamber of Commerce](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [City of McCall](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [Ponderosa State Park](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [The Star News](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [Brundage Mountain Resort](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
- [Little Ski Hill and Bear Basin Nordic Center](http://www.visitidaho.org/community/new-meadows)
Council is a community of approximately 850 people located in a wide, picturesque valley with timbered slopes on each side. Hunting and wildlife viewing are excellent; elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, black bears, turkeys, and grouse are abundant. Other recreation opportunities in the surrounding area include hiking, skiing, boating, fishing, wilderness use, bike and horseback riding, four-wheeling and rodeo. The spectacular Hells Canyon Recreation Area is adjacent to the district, and the Weiser River Trail runs through the middle of the Council Valley. The valley also is home to a small golf course and an airstrip. Long summers, early springs, and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from November through March. Elevations on the District range from 1700 to almost 9000 feet atop Council Mountain.

Council is the county seat of Adams County. Amenities and businesses include two grocery stores, several restaurants, a library, a coffee house, a hardware store, a water-bottling facility and many other small businesses. Medical services include a medical clinic, dental office and Life Flight. Council supports 5 churches.

Council has an elementary and a junior/senior high school, both located close to the center of town. The district has been very successful in reading, language, and math achievement goals over the past decade; the high school is rated as a “5 star” school by state of Idaho. The district boasts several innovative programs, including a shop, FFA, and FCCLA programs at the high school, and a greenhouse and community garden for use in science and natural resource curriculum for all grades. For more information: http://csd13.org/

The housing market around Council is limited, but prices are reasonable, with 2-3 bedroom homes ranging from $60,000 to $250,000 and up, depending on location and acreage. A few rental homes are available and prices vary greatly, but generally run between $350.00 and $600.00/month. Government housing is available on a limited basis. Council is about 80 miles from Ontario, Oregon and 120 miles from Boise. These cities offer excellent shopping, entertainment, restaurants, and other services.

Nearby communities (within an hour’s drive) include:
- Weiser
- Cambridge
- Midvale
- New Meadows
- McCall
For more information:
http://www.councilchamberofcommerce.com/
http://councilidaho.net
http://www.theadamscountyrecord.com/
http://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/council/idaho/united-states/usid0054

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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.usclimatedata.com/climate/council/idaho/united-states/usid0054).