

OUTREACH NOTICE

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST



KRASSEL

RANGER DISTRICT

"Caring for the Land and People"



ANIMAL PACKER WG-5001-05

Location: McCall, Idaho

Grade: WG-5

Tour of duty: Temporary Seasonal-NTE-1039 Hours

About the position: The Krassel Ranger District manages over 1.1 million acres of the Payette National Forest in the central Idaho Rocky Mountains. Nearly 800,000 of that acreage is located within the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

The Krassel District Recreation Branch seasonally employs 4 Wilderness Technicians, 1 Animal Packer, 2 Recreation Technicians, 5-6 person trail crew, 8-10 Student Conservation Association Interns and 1-4 volunteers. In addition, there may be up to 5 Human Resource Crews with 8-12 Corps members working on the District in support of the trails program in a given field season. The District manages a herd of 16 pack animals to support these seasonal employees and crews by moving tools, equipment, supplies and materials to and from project sites in the backcountry. The packing program also supports Wilderness management, fire management and other resource management activities on the District.

This position serves as a key part of the Krassel Ranger District Recreation Branch. The incumbent reports to the District Stock Manager and plays a substantial role in the District packing program in support of the management of recreation, weeds, fire and Wilderness on the District. The incumbent also works as a member of District trail crews in support of specific trail maintenance projects.

Duties:

- Packing field crews, fire lookouts, tools, lumber and other construction material
- Carguing with canvas mantys and rope a wide range of cargo items; loading and balancing cargo on mules utilizing a full range of hitches for Decker pack saddles
- Safely travel with a pack string in the backcountry long distances in inclement weather through rough, steep mountainous terrain; typically moving camp every day while utilizing Leave No Trace techniques and minimum impact stock use; hold stock overnight in backcountry areas using high-lines pickets and hobbles; work alone with little supervision on the trail in the Wilderness for up to 10 days at a time
- Identify sores, irritations, injuries or other items associated with the health and wellbeing of pack stock and make necessary adjustments and corrections to avoid or correct any problems which will include but not be limited to saddle, gear and load adjustment
- Trail Maintenance, work with trail crew
- Other maintenance of fences, corral, pasture irrigation and facilities
- Farrier work, tack/equipment repair and maintenance, minor vet work, heavy lifting
- Load and transport animals in 27' stock trailer over rough mountainous dirt roads
- Variable or Maxi-Flex schedule
- Based out of remote backcountry duty station

Duty station:

- Big Creek Forest Service Work station; 80 road miles east of McCall, Idaho (unpaved road open approximately July 1st to October 25th)
- Housing provided with a ~\$3.50 daily quarters fee
- No services, electricity, phone or internet available

Duty dates:

- *Approximately* late May to early October

How to apply: The announcement will be posted on the USAJOBS website www.usajobs.gov. The announcement number will be circulated when available to individuals who respond to this outreach.

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