

USDA Forest Service



Outreach Notice

Lolo, Flathead, Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, Nez Perce-Clearwater and Bitterroot National Forests

Region 1

West Side Land and Boundary Zone

Survey Technician, GS-0817-5/6/7 – Up to Three Permanent Seasonal Positions to be filled

Duty Stations: Missoula, Kalispell, Libby MT, Coeur d'Alene or Grangeville, ID

Reply due March 26, 2019



The West Side Lands and Boundary Zone will soon be filling up to three permanent seasonal Survey Technician positions. These positions will be duty stationed on the Lolo, Flathead, Kootenai, Idaho Panhandle and/or Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests in Missoula, Kalispell, Libby, MT and/or Coeur d'Alene or Grangeville, ID. These positions serve the National Forests in North Idaho and Western Montana.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the right person. Duties include pure boundary surveys, retracing, marking and posting the boundaries of 100 year old public land surveys and working in some of the most remote and beautiful terrain in the country. Along with remote and beautiful comes arduous and difficult, as well as lots of travel. Travel is normal and common and includes staying in travel trailers, motels and work center “bunk houses”. Normal field work is extremely difficult and arduous. It is common to have long hikes carrying very heavy loads (50 pounds) up and down steep mountain slopes through thick brush and forest. Working in the rain, hot weather, bugs and bears add to the excitement of a day in the life of a Forest Service Survey Technician.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity for permanent seasonal (guaranteed 26 weeks per year) Survey Technician positions. To express interest in these positions, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and **return it by March 26, 2019 to Ben Sidor at bsidor@fs.fed.us**

ABOUT THE POSITION

INTRODUCTION

This position is assigned to a zoned Lands Organization, and performs land survey work for multiple National Forest Service units. The incumbent serves under the direction of a Land Surveyor, and performs a variety of technical land survey duties related to locating, marking, and maintaining boundaries and corners for land management activities on National Forest System lands.

MAJOR DUTIES

Performs or assists in land survey work that requires very exacting measurements to establish basic horizontal and vertical controls.

Searches, evaluates, and monuments public land corners.

Cuts out, marks and posts property boundary lines.

Records and calculates surveying data recognizing inconsistencies requiring supplemental information.

Operates instruments and equipment, and makes minor adjustments to such instruments, in order to locate land and property corners and boundary lines. Identifies or verifies corners by inspection, testimony of landowners, and comparison with references or by survey using original and resurvey recorded data, etc.

Performs or assists in varied surveys, such as location, right-of-way, and property surveys for a segment or portion of a project. Utilizes a variety of surveying related equipment and GPS equipment to perform surveys and prepare associated documents and reports.

Compiles topographic maps, survey plats, and related information using appropriate equipment and techniques to obtain and depict all details and information pertinent to the intended purpose.

As assigned inspector and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR), inspects work or administers the requirements of cadastral survey and landline maintenance contracts to assure that work and materials are in compliance with plans, specifications, and conditions of those contracts. Work in this assignment includes, but is not limited to, inspection of landline maintenance and cadastral surveys of National Forest System land boundaries performed by contractors. Performs other duties as assigned.

The West Side Land and Boundary Zone Overview

The National Forests served by the West Side Land and Boundary Zone organization encompasses over 16.7 million acres in Western Montana and Northern Idaho. Included are the National Forests in Idaho north of the Salmon River to the Canadian Border (Nez Perce, Clearwater, St. Joe, Coeur d'Alene and Kaniksu National Forests) and most of the National Forests in Montana west of the Continental Divide (Bitterroot, Flathead, Kootenai and Lolo National Forests).

The spectacular landscapes offer the ability to escape the crowds of the city and encounter nature at its best - to experience the solitude and challenges of wildlands. Our forests include iconic Wilderness such as the Bob Marshall, Frank Church River of No Return and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, and Wild and Scenic Rivers such as the Flathead, St. Joe, Lochsa, Salmon and many more, and broad valleys and big lakes like Lake Coeur d'Alene, Priest Lake, Flathead Lake and Lake Pend Oreille.

For more information about the Northern Region go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/index.shtml>

The Bitterroot National Forest encompasses 1.6 million acres including the rugged Bitterroot Mountains and steep canyons that open to the valley floor. This mountain range has extremely rugged, remote terrain. The Sapphire Mountains are gentler than the Bitterroot with a combination of grasslands and forested areas. The drier valley floor and lower foothills are an arid land mix of grasslands and scrubland. Higher elevations receive more precipitation and are home to dense forests, alpine lakes, and clear, fast streams. The forest includes a large expanse of wilderness including portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness.

The Flathead National Forest (2.3 million acres) is Rocky Mountain high country including alpine meadows, towering peaks, rivers, lakes, wetlands and an abundance of wildlife. It is built from block fault mountain ranges carved by glaciers and covered with a rich thick forest. Precipitation on the Flathead ranges from twenty inches to sixty inches annually creating widely varying zones of plant life and rich ecosystems for diverse wildlife. The landscapes range from the craggy reaches of bare rock in the Mission Mountains Wilderness to the green meadows on the northern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Included in the Flathead are the Great Bear Wilderness, the lovely Swan Range and the myriad lakes, streams and rivers cradled in the valleys. There are 219 miles of Wild and Scenic River in the National Forest including the North, Middle and South Forks of the Flathead River.

The Kootenai National Forest (2.2 million acres) makes its home in the mountainous terrain of extreme northwestern Montana. The ranges of steep, rugged peaks give impressive views of the spectacular surrounding country with its variety of landscapes. Since the forest is sustained by a modified Pacific maritime climate, it is home to a profusion of trees. Fifteen species of conifers alone can be found here as well as a diverse community of wildlife. There are over 100 lakes in the forest and the Kootenai and Clark Fork rivers flow through. The landscape includes the Whitefish Range, Purcell Mountains, Bitterroot Range, Salish Mountains, Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, the beautiful Ten Lakes area and the Ross Creek Cedar Grove, home of the one of the loveliest, grandest trees.

The Lolo National Forest (2 million acres) is located between the Continental Divide and the Bitterroot Mountains. This national forest and the Rattlesnake Wilderness are just minutes from downtown Missoula. The Lolo is a high diversity forest ranging from wet bottoms to high alpine peaks consisting of patchwork quilts of vegetation and a wide range of wildlife species. Water is plentiful and Rock Creek is considered one of the best trout streams in western Montana. This national forest provides access to

four Wilderness areas, the Rattlesnake and Welcome Creek close to Missoula, portions of the Scapegoat Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness

The Idaho Panhandle National Forests comprise about 2.5 million acres of public lands, which lie within “the panhandle” of northern Idaho and extend into eastern Washington and western Montana. The Idaho Panhandle National Forests are an aggregation of the Coeur d’Alene and portions of the Kaniksu and St. Joe National Forests. The mountainous Forest surrounds the landscapes of big lakes in the valley bottoms and scenic rivers in the uplands.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests includes 4.0 million acres of beautiful and diverse landscapes, located in North Central Idaho. These range from the dry, rugged canyons of the Salmon River to the moist cedar forests of the Selway drainage to the rolling uplands of the Palouse. The Forest has taken a strong approach to accomplishing the Chief’s accelerated restoration emphasis.

Duty Stations

The duty station for this position may be one of the following locations. Management will likely select the duty station at the time of applicant selection.

Kalispell, MT - Libby, MT - Missoula, MT - Coeur d’Alene, ID - Grangeville, ID

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Survey Technician, GS-0817-5/6/7, West Side Land and Boundary Zone

Bitterroot, Flathead, Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, Lolo and Nez Perce-Clearwater NFs

Reply by 3/26/19

Please send this completed form to Ben Sidor at bsidor@fs.fed.us

Please indicate **all** the duty station you are interested in applying for:

Kalispell, MT Libby, MT Missoula, MT Coeur d'Alene, ID Kamiah, ID

Name	
Email Address	
Mailing Address	
Telephone Number	
Employed with	
Current Type of Appointment	
Current Employer Agency / Forest etc	
Current Position Title	

If not a current permanent federal (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any special authorities?

_____ **Person with Disabilities (Schedule A)** _____ **Veterans Recruitment Appointment (VRA)**
_____ **30% or More Disabled Veteran** _____ **Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (**
_____ **Former Peace Corps Volunteer** _____ **Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act**
_____ **Other:**

Please consider sending a copy of your resume or a brief outline describing your relevant qualifications and experience as part of your response.

Please feel free to **contact Ben Sidor at (406) 758-5220 or bsidor@fs.fed.us** to learn more about the position and the opportunities and challenges.

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