Boise National Forest
Recreation Program Resource Assistant
Duty Location: 7539 Highway 21
Lowman, ID 83637 and Highway 21 Milepost 38.5, Idaho City, ID 83631

Position Description:
The Boise National Forest is recruiting two Recreation Program Resource Assistants to assist with recreation site maintenance (campgrounds, picnic areas, cabins), visitor information, special use permit administration, and trails management/maintenance, and youth engagement programs. The duty location will be at the Lowman or Idaho City Ranger Districts.

Lowman, Idaho
Located 75 miles north of the Idaho state capital in Boise, is a small mountain community along 12 miles of the South Fork of the Payette River. Recreation opportunities abound. Depending on the season, you may camp, hike, ride for miles on horseback, bike, motorcycle, or ATV on beautiful trails; fish, hunt, cross-country ski, or snowmobile. The South Fork of the Payette River is considered one of the premier kayaking and rafting waters in the country and the district shares borders with both the Sawtooth SNRA and the Frank Church River of No return Wilderness. After a hard day of work or play there are numerous hot springs to soak in. Approximately 200 year round residents live in the community and the summer population swells with visitors.

Idaho City, Idaho
Located 40 miles to the east of Boise, Idaho City is a quaint, historic mountain community of approximately 400. Idaho City is the county seat of Boise County with tourism and timber as the primary industries. Idaho City is not a full service community, but does offer the following services on a year round basis: one small grocery store and many small shops along Main Street with preserved historic buildings from the mining era. The nearby city of Boise offers the services and amenities of the largest city in Idaho. An international airport, shopping, colleges, and universities, and a variety of cultural and sporting events are readily accessible and available.

Term Length:
May 18, 2020 – November 20, 2020
Selected RA is required to serve a minimum of 960 Hours.

Assignments for this intern during their entire experience include:

- Assists in the implementation of recreation operation and maintenance plans for developed recreation sites. Create operating guides with maps for water systems
- Gathers, complies, and recommends improvements for developed recreation sites
- Inspects recreation areas and special use permits for compliance with the permit and management plans, public health regulations, and safety plans
- Assists with collecting campground fees, counts, reconciles money collected, and ensures deposits are made appropriately
- Perform patrol duties, educating the public on Forest regulations including maintenance and posting of regulatory signs and educating visitors, including maintenance and posting of regulatory signs
- Helps maintain developed sites e.g., roadside and/or backcountry camping areas, helping make repairs, remove or replace facilities
- Maintains recreation facilities such as toilets, road closure gates, hand pumps, water systems, picnic tables, fire rings, and other miscellaneous structures
- Assist with overseeing volunteer and youth work projects
- Clean and stock recreation cabins and restroom facilities
- Assist with opening and closing of cabins and campgrounds
- Attend hazard tree identification and special uses database training, and other relevant training
- Attends safety training, meetings, reviews job hazard analysis, personal protective equipment, ensures personal, coworker, and public safety. Reports unsafe practices or equipment to supervisor.
- Ensures all vehicles, tools, equipment, and materials are in good working order and accounted for.
- Performs vehicle safety and maintenance inspections.

Qualifications:

- Current and driver’s license and ability to drive and navigate backcountry roads
- Ability to lift and carry 30 lbs. (lifting trash bags, assisting with sign installation and general site maintenance)
- Most days will be outside in all types of weather
- Hiking and walking on rough terrain.
- Cleaning restrooms will require long driving distance up to an hour or more to get to each site.
- Hired applicant must pass a background check.
- After initial training must be independent and capable of performing daily duties and able to approach visitors and answer questions.

Program Benefits

- NYC will provide RA a total stipend of $12,000, prorated monthly, along with health care coverage, workers' compensation and FICA.
- Travel and training funds of $5000 are available to the hired RA.
• Upon verification of 960 hours of service, RA will be issued a Noncompetitive Hiring Authority and Direct Hire Authority, which can be used to apply for vacancies.

• Bunk Housing is provided, equipped with a common kitchen and shared bedroom/bathroom or housing will be provided in a private camping trailer.

**Position Requirements**

- A desire to serve and promote public land stewardship and an ethic of service.
- Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, youth and the general public.
- A commitment to the goals of the U.S. Forest Service.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a team.
- The ability to work independently.
- A willingness to ask questions for clarification and job completion.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Possession of a college degree, or near completion.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability.

**About the Boise National Forest**

The Boise National Forest’s vast landscape spans over 2.5 million acres of diverse forest and grassland. Located northeast of Idaho’s capital city, Boise, recreationists can explore the North Fork Payette River Canyon at 2,800 feet in elevation to Trinity Mountain reaching nearly 10,000 feet. The Forest has an estimated 9,600 miles of perennial and intermittent streams, and 15,400 acres of lakes and reservoirs. Major river systems on the Forest are the Salmon, Payette and Boise and features the Payette River and Ponderosa Pine Scenic Byways. Most of the land supports an evergreen forest that includes pure or mixed stands of ponderosa pine, grand fir, Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. The Forest contains a number of wildlife species, such as black bear, wolves, bald eagles, flammulated owls, mule deer and Rocky Mountain elk, etc. Vegetation and fuels management are the Forest’s focus improving forest health for many species. Recreation, grazing, mining and a diversity of special uses occur on the Forest. Whether you choose to explore any of more than 500 trails, or cool off in one of over 250 lakes and reservoirs, the Boise National Forest is truly an outdoor enthusiast’s dream!
Application Instructions

Application Deadline: April 17, 2020
Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.
How to apply:

Please apply at https://idahocc.org/interns by scrolling to the Application Form and selecting “Boise Lowman Resource Assistant” for the position in Lowman, ID, and “Boise Idaho City Resource Assistant” for the position in Idaho City.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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