



**Payette National Forest
Recreation Program Resource Assistant
Duty Location: McCall, Idaho**

Regarding the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19:

Northwest Youth Corps and Idaho Conservation Corps are continuing to monitor and respond to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19. We encourage you to not to delay your application for future programs that interest you. We soon expect to be running our crews and internships effectively and successfully even as our country reassesses the “new normal” of living our lives with Covid-19. Should you apply successfully and later on feel that you are not yet ready to join our program there is no cost or penalty. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19>.

Position Description:

This position will work in conjunction with various employees within the Krassel Ranger District Recreation, Wilderness, Trails and Noxious Weeds Programs. Work will consist of assisting ongoing day-to-day operations and maintenance activities, maintaining all district infrastructure, conducting monitoring work and writing reports on season long data acquisition results. Opportunities will be made available to participate in every facet of the Krassel Recreation, Wilderness, Trails and Noxious Weeds programs so that the intern can obtain as full an exposure to running a program as can be provided.

This position is offered through the Forest Service Resource Assistant Program (RAP). RAP interns will be required to attend a week-long training in Denver, CO upon hiring. RAP interns will gain valuable on-the-job training, be immersed in the Forest Service culture, and have access to valuable workforce development opportunities. To learn more about this program, please visit:

- USFS Resource Assistants Program
 - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/volunteers/resource-assistants-program>
- USFS Outside
 - <http://usfsoutside.com/resource-assistants/>

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:

- Complete immersion into the Developed Recreation Program assisting with the day to day operations and maintenance of campgrounds, dispersed camping areas, airstrips and trailheads.

- Monitoring work such as airstrip census, solitude monitoring, noxious weed treatment and inventory, trailhead registration card data entry and reporting, road counter tracking and reporting and similar work.
- Embedded with backcountry Trail Crew conducting trail maintenance while backpacking through Central Idaho backcountry including some time in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.
- Embedded with the Krassel Ranger District packer to gain exposure to wilderness animal packing in support of Fire, Noxious Weeds, Heritage and Wilderness programs.
- Imbed with one of three different Wilderness Rangers, operating out of backcountry guard stations.
- Exposure to backcountry airstrip program through monitoring of airstrips and conducting monitoring and maintenance work on airstrips. Will require exposure to flying in small planes.

Qualifications:

- An independent, self-motivated, and resourceful individual able to work alone or with diverse groups of people.
- Experience with power tools.
- General carpentry experience.
- Experience with painting.
- Familiar with hand tools such as shovels, axes, hoes and other dirt moving types of tools.
- Experience using GPS and Camera-based apps on a digital device.
- Ability to write and speak professionally.
- Formal or informal experience in teaching or public programming.
- A background in history, wildlife biology, natural resources or a related field is preferred.

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.
- Housing is provided and will vary throughout the summer season as this position transitions between resource areas to ensure a maximum program immersion. Housing will start off in McCall ID adjacent to the District Office. Subsequent field season housing will be located at the Krassel Work Center, Big Creek Work Center and backcountry guard stations, as well as, camping with access to facilities.

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 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.

About McCall, ID

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.

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 clicking “Apply Here” and selecting “Payette-Krassel Resource Assistant.”

For questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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