Bridger-Teton National Forest

SEASONAL POSITION OUTREACH NOTICE

Trail Worker, Wilderness Ranger, Animal Packer Trails

The Bridger-Teton National Forest will be hiring seasonal positions for the 2014 summer season on or after February 1st 2014. The Forest may fill up to 15 Wilderness and Trails positions at the GS-3, GS-4, GS-5 and GS-6 levels in the Bridger, Gros Ventre, and Teton Wilderness and the Wyoming Range. Government housing may be available for some positions.

These positions will be temporary, not to exceed 1039 hours. All positions will be advertised on USAJOBS, www.usajobs.gov.

About the Forest:
The 3.4 million acre Bridger-Teton National Forest is the second largest National Forest in the United States outside Alaska. It lies in Western Wyoming, adjoining Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the largest remaining area of undeveloped land in the 48 conterminous United States. It is noted for its scenery and natural features, large and diverse wildlife populations, and habitat for threatened and endangered species. There are six districts on the Forest: Kemmerer, Afton, Big Piney, Pinedale, Jackson and Buffalo. The Supervisor's Office is in Jackson.

Trail Worker

Trail crew members must be in good to excellent physical condition. The work may require hiking several miles through steep or uneven terrain, lifting, and carrying up to 50 pounds and will construct and rehabilitate impact areas and trails using traditional hand tools such as: crosscut saws, log carriers, draw knife, shovels, pick mattocks, and axes. Project work may require that each person be ready to stay out in the field (camping) for up 8-10 day hitches. Projects could include bridge construction, turnpike construction, trail construction, trail re-construction and improvement. Knowledge of packing and handling stock is helpful.

Knowledge Required by the GS-03 Forestry Aid Position

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Performs the full range of standardized forestry support duties for recreation and wilderness.

Ability to meet and deal with coworkers, crew members and forest visitors to effectively carry out day-today work while serving as a crew member of a wilderness trail crew.

Knowledge of accepted safety practices in order to prevent injury to self and others.
Skill in using hand and power tools such as ax, shovel, pulaski, crosscut saw, and chainsaw in order to perform forestry duties.

Work requires some physical exertion such as walking over wet, rough, uneven surface; bending, crouching, stooping, lifting, stretching, reaching or similar activities. The work requires average agility and dexterity.

Work is performed in a forest environment in which temperature and weather extremes may be encountered and where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky and covered with thick vegetation. The work requires use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles and hardhat.

Knowledge Required by the GS-04 Forestry Technician Position

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Employee is expected to carry out work independently, and resolve problems of a type previously encountered while receiving more specific instruction for new or more complex assignments. Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands.

Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed.

Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed.

Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys.

Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications.

Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing.

May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup.

The work requires walking and climbing in steep, uneven terrain, exposure to adverse weather and insects, performing physical labor, bending, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds or more, and dealing with problem visitors.

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as tools, gloves, goggles and hard hat.

Knowledge Required by the GS-05 Forestry Technician Position

Announcement # 14-TEMP-110403-011697-JG-DT

Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands.

Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed.

Skill in using construction tools (i.e., crosscut saws, adze, axes), and ability to instruct crews, if necessary, in their proper use in repairing and building trails.

Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed.

Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys.

Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications.

Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing.

May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup.

Skill in communicating principles and philosophy to the public. Knowledge and ability to monitor management activities.

The work requires walking and climbing in steep, uneven terrain, exposure to adverse weather and insects, performing physical labor, bending, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds or more, and dealing with problem visitors.

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as tools, gloves, goggles and hard hat.

Title	Number of positions	Duty stations	Contact	Grade Levels
Forestry Technician Trail Worker	Up to 18	Pinedale, Wyoming Pinedale Ranger District Bridger Wilderness	Andrea Davidson 307.367.5714 andreadavidson@fs.fed.us	GS-3 GS-4 GS-5
		Moran,Wyoming Buffalo Ranger District Teton Wilderness	Aaron Deschu 307.543.3905 aedeschu@fs.fed.us or Rick Taylor 307.543.3911 rmtaylor@fs.fed.us	
		Jackson, Wyoming Jackson Ranger District Gros Ventre Wilderness	Tim Farris 307.739.5414 tfarris@fs.fed.us	
		Big Piney, Wyoming Big Piney Ranger District Kemmerer Ranger District Wyoming Range	Adam LaDell 307.276.5820 aladell@fs.fed.us	

Wilderness Ranger

The selected individual will serve as a crewmember on a Wilderness crew. The Bridger-Teton has three crews: in Blackrock, Jackson, and Pinedale. Most of the work will be in the Teton, Gros Ventre, or Bridger Wilderness, but may occur in non- Wilderness backcountry settings. The crews work in the backcountry for several consecutive days (up to ten) and may spend up to one day in the office out of each two week period. Travel is usually on foot carrying a backpack that contains personal as well as work supplies and tools. Sixty to 70 pound loads would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Some work will involve the use of stock (horses and mules) so familiarity with the use of riding and pack stock is preferred.

Field duties include trail maintenance with hand tools and crosscut saws, campsite monitoring, air quality data collection, site restoration, noxious weed monitoring and control, and interactions with permitted commercial outfitters including camp inspections. Some work may involve assisting volunteer groups on their work projects in the Wilderness. Office duties include working at a desk using a computer for data entry and preparation of plans, documents, and reports. Employees are expected to care for and maintain equipment that has been assigned to them.

Knowledge Required by the GS-04 Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) Position
Announcement # 14-TEMP-110403-010214-JG-DT

Assures wilderness work projects are completed safely and utilizes minimal tool concept.

Assures wilderness areas and trails are maintained to established trail standards. Assists in re-establishment of native plants at denuded campsites and abandoned trails by preparing the soil for revegetation, transporting plants to the site and protecting the site after revegetation takes place.

Implements current NEPA and Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) processes. Can process and interpret historical and cultural values specific to wilderness areas.

Directs or leads one or two lower grade employees engaged in trail maintenance and wilderness contacts. Interacts with a variety of user groups such as backpackers, stock users, fisheries, floaters, rafters, airplane folks, commercial river and hunting outfitters.

Contacts user groups to provide wilderness philosophy, regulations, and current camp or fire restrictions. Provides standard information on resource management and stock use practices in wilderness areas. Checks for compliance with regulations issues notices for common violations, and reports other violations to supervisor.

Educates user groups on "Leave No Trace" camping techniques and packing out garbage. Responsible for curtailing the improper management of human waste and educating people on

importance of campsites placed away from water sources.

The work requires moderate to strenuous physical exertion including walking on steep or uneven terrain, bending, lifting, and carrying up to 50 pounds or more. Project work requires that personnel camp out and have long pack outs.

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. The work requires use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hard hat. Requires working and living under primitive conditions. Project work requires making decisions concerning weather.

Knowledge Required by the GS-05 Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) Position
Announcement # 14-TEMP-110403-010205-JG-DT

Plans and implements the logistics of wilderness projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. Performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Serves as team member to complete project analysis as required by NEPA and requests for motorized equipment use in wilderness.

Explains regulations concerning the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Explains or enforces use regulations according to Wilderness Act. Administers outfitter use, prepares reports on conditions of outfitter camps and facilities. Patrols wilderness to ensure that areas are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with wilderness management plans. Maintains visitors use records and prepares visitors use information for data processing.

Assist agency law enforcement personnel with violation information. Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas. Documents destruction to or impacts on campsites. Analyzes ways to educate users.

Oversees routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing.

The work requires walking and climbing in steep, uneven terrain, exposure to adverse weather and insects, performing physical labor, bending, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds or more, and dealing with problem visitors.

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as tools, gloves, goggles and hard hat.

Knowledge Required by the GS-06 Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails) Position
Announcement # 14-TEMP-110403-011387-JG-DT

Participates in the preparation and execution of wilderness management plans based on approved direction in land management plans. Prepares annual wilderness operating plans. Implements wilderness, and/or trail and bridge construction and reconstruction projects. Develops and monitors the logistics required for completion of wilderness projects and non-wilderness projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction. This includes condition surveys, developing project plans and cost estimates, and making recommendations for improvements. Implementation may involve the supervision of small crews in such activities.

Participates in the identification and planning for future trail construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and restoration projects. Performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Recommends the location of a variety of facilities, and records diverse information about the characteristics of the area. Trains crews in wilderness and trails construction and revegetation techniques. Performs independently or as a leader of a small project crew in trail maintenance and construction.

Develops and conducts wilderness education programs at Forest Service offices, trailheads and in the local community. Keeps records of visitor use levels, types and patterns. Makes sure that portals are properly signed and bulletin boards are maintained. Maintains records of visitor use levels, and types and patterns of use.

Jointly prepares outfitter/guide camp operation/administration plans with outfitters; inspects outfitter operational areas/camps for wilderness plan/policy compliance; takes necessary follow-up action for items of noncompliance; makes recommendations to immediate supervisor relating to wilderness special use permit administration.

Serves as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). Issues notices of field violations when violations of regulations are encountered. Conducts investigations, collects evidence and prepares case reports on violations.

Responsible for maintenance and care of assigned pack and saddle stock and for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used in transport of livestock. Provides education in proper livestock minimum impact use techniques, safety procedures, and packing and saddle stock use to backcountry user groups, individuals and other agency personnel.

The work requires regular and recurring physical exertion related to conservation work requiring walking on rough terrain, climbing steep banks, and jumping ditches and furrows.

The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. May be exposed to irritant chemicals. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats.

Title	Number of positions	Duty stations	Contact	Grade Levels
Forestry Technician Wilderness Ranger	Up to 10	Pinedale, Wyoming Pinedale Ranger District Bridger Wilderness	Andrea Davidson 307.367.5714 andreadavidson@fs.fed.us	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6
		Jackson, Wyoming Jackson Ranger District Gros Ventre Wilderness	Rick Taylor 307.543.3911 rmtaylor@fs.fed.us	
		Moran Wyoming Buffalo Ranger District Teton Wilderness	Aaron Deschu 307.543.3905 aedeschu@fs.fed.us or Rick Taylor 307.543.3911 rmtaylor@fs.fed.us	

Animal Packer Trails

Knowledge Required by the GS-05 Forestry Technician (Trails) Position
Announcement # 14-TEMP-110403-011700-JG-DT

Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands.

Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed.

Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed.

Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys.

Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications.

Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing.

May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup.

Assists in care and maintenance of district horse and mule herd including feeding, shoeing, general medical needs, first aid and grooming. Load and transport livestock in trailers to remote trailheads safely. Monitor stock and all related equipment and reports any issues or concerns to stock manager and supervisor. Travels and transports gear to support trails operations using riding and pack stock over rugged mountainous terrain. Inspect outfitter guide camps, travel over 20 mile distances per day for 8 day stretches using riding and pack stock.

Knowledge, skills, and experience needed to travel alone in remote wilderness areas for eight day stretches using riding and pack stock safely, and caring for their well-being while monitoring outfitter guide use and supplying trail crews with camp tools and supplies.

Skills in “Leave No Trace” camping with pack stock such as in the use of high lines, picket pins, hobbles, etc. Knowledge in working up and balancing pack loads, securing the loads using traditional methods such as: panniers and hitches, or mannied up sling loads and the ability to teach these skills to others.
Skill in using primitive construction tools (i.e., crosscut saws, adze, axes), and ability to instruct crews, if necessary, in their proper use in repairing and building trails.

Skill in communicating principles and philosophy to the public.

Skill in planning on a day-to-day basis to schedule, carry out and accomplish assignment in an orderly manner.

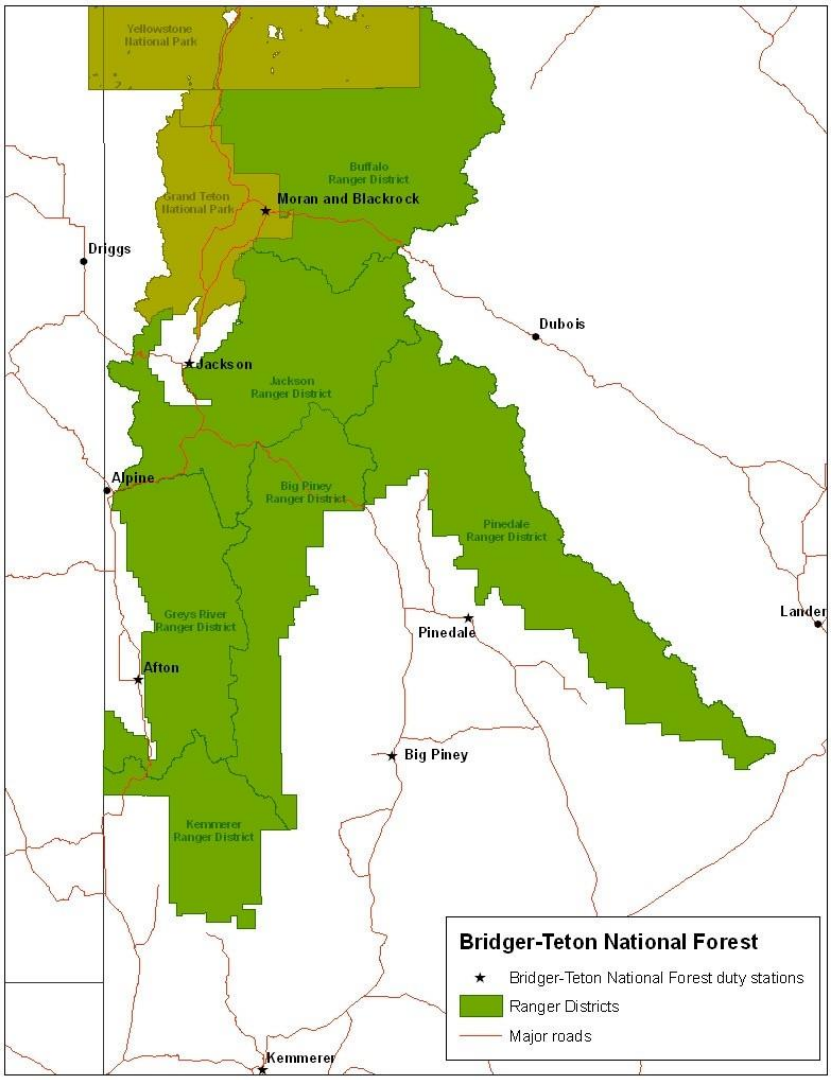
The work requires walking and climbing in steep, uneven terrain, exposure to adverse weather and insects, performing physical labor, bending, lifting and carrying up to 60 pounds or more, and dealing with problem visitors. Animal packing duties requires riding 25 miles a day in rough terrain.

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as tools, gloves, goggles and hard hat.

Title	Number of positions	Duty stations	Contact	Grade Levels
Forestry Technician Animal Packer Trails	Up to 10	Pinedale, Wyoming Pinedale Ranger District Bridger Wilderness	Andrea Davidson 307.367.5714 andreadavidson@fs.fed.us	GS-5
		Jackson, Wyoming Jackson Ranger District Gros Ventre Wilderness	Rick Taylor 307.543.3911 rmtaylor@fs.fed.us	
		Moran Wyoming Buffalo Ranger District Teton Wilderness	Aaron Deschu 307.543.3905 aedeschu@fs.fed.us or Rick Taylor 307.543.3911 rmtaylor@fs.fed.us	

About the duty stations:

The map below shows the six duty stations on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.



Pinedale, Wyoming:

Pinedale, Wyoming, is located 80 miles southeast of Jackson, WY and 100 miles North of Rock Springs WY. The Town of Pinedale, established in 1878 by cattlemen, lies 15 miles west of the Wind River Range of the Continental Divide in western Wyoming. Pinedale's Main Street (Highway 191) has a small town western flavor and is the county seat for Sublette County. Pinedale claims to be the only county seat in the US to lack a single traffic light. Housing may be available.

Jackson, Wyoming:

The Town of Jackson is the county seat of Teton County and the only incorporated municipality in the county. “Jackson Hole" as it's often called, refers to the whole area which is a 50 mile long valley surrounded by high mountains. Jackson is a popular tourist destination because of its proximity to Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, its unmatched scenic beauty, its world-class skiing, and its western character. For tourism information, including listing of lodging, restaurants, and shopping, please contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce at 307-733-3316 or on the web at www.jacksonholechamber.com. This spectacular valley in the mountains offers residents and visitors alike an unparalleled array of outdoor activities for year-round enjoyment. From world-class skiing, snowmobiling, backcountry touring and dog sledding in the winter to hiking, rafting, fly fishing, paragliding, mountain biking and rock climbing in the summer. Housing may be available.

Moran, Wyoming:

The Blackrock Ranger Station is located on the Buffalo Ranger District 40 miles North of Jackson and 8 miles east of Moran, Wyoming. The District manages approximately 750,000 acres of National Forest System lands, 585,486 acres of which are within the Teton Wilderness. The area is extremely beautiful with the Teton Range in full view from most of the District. There is an abundance of wildlife such as moose, elk, mule deer, grizzly bear, black bear, and trumpeter swan.

The closest towns to Blackrock are Jackson and Dubois, each approximately 40 miles away. With a population of approximately 8000, Jackson is a full service community with shopping, hospital, movie theaters and an airport. Dubois is much smaller, with a population of 2,000, and has basic services. The nearest major city is Idaho Falls, (2 hour drive) with a population of 150,000. Housing may be available.

Big Piney, Wyoming:

Big Piney is a small community of about 800 people and is located on Highway 189, 45 miles southwest of Pinedale and 90 miles south of Jackson, Wyoming. Big Piney is a rural community with an economic focus on ranching and oil and gas production. Although small, the community offers a multitude of benefits with a great library, fitness center, bowling alley and movie theater. Located just 30 minutes east of the Wyoming Range and 10 minutes from the Green River, the fishing, hiking, hunting and all other outdoor opportunities are abundant. Housing is available.