Powell /Lochsa Ranger Districts
Seasonal Wilderness Rangers

Performance Expectations

- Use of both mind and body – this is a thinking job as well as a physically demanding job.
- Consider safety your highest priority in successfully performing your job – be receptive to safety training offered, educate yourself about safe practices, be responsible for your own safe behavior and demand it from those you work with, complete all required safety-related paperwork.
- Be an advocate of Wilderness and supportive of the laws, policies, and ethics of Wilderness (including the practices we teach, the tools we use, the history and heritage of Forest Service Wilderness Management) - this includes learning about each of these topics.
- **Enthusiastically** engage in opportunities for Visitor Contact. Your job is to educate, inform, interpret, and explain the Wilderness, human and natural history of the area, Leave No Trace practices, Forest regulations, backcountry ethics.
- Interest in and the ability to use traditional and primitive tools and skills, including stock, when necessary and appropriate.
- Interest in and ability to complete required paperwork, including hitch itineraries, hitch reports, communication and evaluation plans, safety reports, trail and area condition updates for front-liners and/or trailheads.
- Ability to do trail work correctly, completely, and to specification: Show up on time, contribute to a team work environment, provide and respond to feedback.
- Ability to accurately collect and neatly document field data, such as visitor use, recreational impacts, inventory and monitoring data for INFRA and other reporting and management needs.
- Interest in and ability to organize, coordinate, and conduct Wilderness-related community education and outreach activities with school groups, Boy Scouts, BCH, etc.
- Enduring ability to clean-up messes left by other people in the backcountry and maintain a positive attitude about your efforts! This includes cleaning up trash, campfires, and whatever else is discovered along the way.
- Ability to accurately and objectively conduct and neatly document outfitter & guide camp inspections, basing ratings off of established operating plans.
- Ability and desire to independently travel, work, and live in remote and isolated backcountry locations, for extended periods of time while demonstrating self-reliance, self-motivation, and self-discipline.
- Willingness to, and pride in, wearing a Forest Service uniform completely and correctly.
- Ability to provide a positive and professional example to the public at all times. It is our job to represent the Forest Service by demonstrating a strong work ethic and a commitment to the stewardship of public lands that are supported by citizens’ tax dollars.

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