



**Idaho Conservation Corps – AmeriCorps Individual Placement  
Payette National Forest – Council Ranger District  
Council, Idaho**

**Position Title:** Biological Technician – 680 HR

**Position Summary:**

The Payette National Forest is recruiting one Biological Technician from May 24, 2021 through September 20, 2021. The incumbent will be paired with a Forest Service employee to identify, document, map, and treat noxious weed infestations. This placement will typically serve four ten hour days per week (Monday through Thurs).

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

The member will conduct field surveys to identify, document, map, and treat noxious weed infestations. The member will collect data using GPS technology, collector and field maps. They will also assist in the maintenance and inspection of fences. Operates a variety of field equipment commonly used in treating, preventing, and eradicating noxious weeds such as all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), utility terrain vehicles (UTV's), herbicide application equipment, GPS equipment, and cameras. The member's time will be spent inventorying, documenting and mapping noxious weeds (30%) – Treating noxious weeds (50%) – Inspecting Bull Trout fence enclosures (10%) - Maintaining fences (10%).

**Required Qualifications:**

- Willingness to work as part of a small team and occasionally alone
- Current driver's license.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 30lbs
- Ability to work outdoors in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground
- Member may travel to other duty stations during the work week and remain over-night occasionally

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Previous experience using GPS and GIS
- Previous experience operating ATV's or UTV's.
- Noxious weed and plant identification
- Strong interest in resource management.

**Duty/Housing Location:**

Duties are performed out of the Council Ranger District Council, Idaho. Housing is provided in bunkhouses with a common kitchen and shared bedrooms located in Council.

**Terms of Employment:**

One AmeriCorps member will complete a term of service (length dependent on commitment of hours), starting May 2020 through September 2020. The member must complete a minimum of 680 service hours by the end of their term.

**Program Benefits:**

- \$7650.00 living allowance, prorated on a pay period (monthly) basis
- \$2360.00 education award upon completion of the 680 hours of service.
- The incumbent will receive training in CPR/First Aid & defensive driving.

The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing their own food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

**The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.**

### **Application Instructions**

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**Application Deadline: May 3, 2021**

**Interviews:** Will occur as qualified applications are received.

**Type of position:** AmeriCorps Member

**Service Dates** May 24, 2021 - September 20, 2021

**Length of Term:** 680 Hours

**To apply:**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at <http://bit.ly/NYCInternApplicationForm>

Please select “Payette NF – Biological Technician (Council)” when applying.

**Additional Information**

If you have questions about the position, please reach Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer Andrew Tagge at [andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org) or Payette National Forest Staff Andy Bumgarner at [robert.bumgarner@usda.gov](mailto:robert.bumgarner@usda.gov).

**COVID-19 Protocols:** We have developed and facilitated industry leading COVID management protocols that are in place to keep our members and staff healthy, and have maintained an excellent safety record. Read our COVID protocols by visiting [www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19](http://www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19).