



**Idaho Conservation Corps – AmeriCorps Conservation Intern  
Payette National Forest –New Meadows Ranger District  
New Meadows, Idaho**

**Position Title:** Biological Technician (Weeds) – 900 HR

**Position Summary:**

The Payette National Forest is recruiting one Biological Technician (Weeds) summer/fall intern from May 29<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. The incumbent will be paired with a Forest Service conduct field surveys to identify, document, map, and treat noxious weed infestations. This position will typically work four ten hour days per week (Monday through Thurs).

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

This position will work under the supervision and guidance of professional range and natural resource specialists performing a variety of duties related to implementation of on the ground noxious weeds and invasive plant control. The work is performed outdoors in rugged terrain; to include very steep, wet, muddy, rough, uneven or rocky surfaces; positions require physical exertions, such as, bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, or similar activities. Individuals should be capable of working alone, or with other people, during early morning hours, or during the day. Time will be spent: 30% treating invasive species, 10% collecting invasive species population data, 50% monitoring and surveying invasive species treatments, 10% range surveys.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Willingness to work as part of a small team
- 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
- Intern 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 New Meadows Ranger District New Meadows, 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 29<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. The member must complete a minimum of 900 service hours by the end of their term.

**Program Benefits:**

\$6,250 living allowance dispersed on a monthly basis, a \$2,887.50 education award upon completion of the 900 hours of service. The incumbent will receive training in CPR/First Aid & defensive driving. The New Meadows ranger District will also pay for an Idaho Professional Applicator License if the incumbent desires the certification. Housing is provided.

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.

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