



Salmon-Challis National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR VACANT STAN POTTS AREA OUTFITTER-GUIDE PERMIT ON THE SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST

(Salmon, Idaho, February 11, 2026): The Salmon-Challis National Forest, in collaboration with the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB), will issue a prospectus to solicit applications from individuals or businesses interested in providing land-based outfitting and guiding services within a vacant operating area, historically known as the Stan Potts Area.

The Forest and IOGLB seek knowledgeable and skilled outfitters to provide this service to the public. Successful applicants must meet all requirements for a U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit and an IOGLB license.

Selected applicants will receive licenses and permits to operate on a portion of the North Fork Ranger District within Idaho Department of Fish and Game Management Unit 20A. Authorized activities include hunting for elk, deer, goat, sheep, bear, cougar and incidental bobcat, predators, and forest grouse; fishing; trail rides; and backpacking. The forest currently offers 158 service days annually for these activities. In addition, the Salmon-Challis will permit one assigned camp.

Find a detailed description of the prospectus, application requirements and selection process, the map and operating area description, and application forms online at <https://dopl.idaho.gov/oglb/>.

For questions about the application process please contact IOGLB at (208) 334-3233 or by emailing oglb-licensing@dopl.idaho.gov. For questions about the USFS permitting process please contact SCNF Permit Administrator Jennifer Smith at (208) 756-5158 or by emailing jennifer.smith6@usda.gov.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., March 30, 2026, to be eligible.

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