

Position: Rangeland Management Specialist

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Office/Community Information:

The Pocatello Field Office (PFO) manages approximately 613,800 acres of public land in southeastern Idaho. The PFO is roughly bordered by the Snake and Blackfoot Rivers to the north, Wyoming to the east and Utah to the south and Sublett Mountains to the west. Nine counties and many small communities lie within the PFO area. Farming and ranching are the primary industries on the private land within the PFO boundary. The public land consists of valleys, foothills and rugged mountains. Sagebrush/grass associations dominate the valleys with sagebrush/grass/juniper in the foothills and Douglas fir/aspens in the higher elevations. The elevation of the public land ranges from 4,000 feet in the valleys to 8,000 feet in the mountains. The major resources include recreation, wildlife habitat, rangeland, mineral, vegetation, cultural and forestry.

Pocatello is the county seat and largest city of Bannock County, with a small portion on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in neighboring Power County, in the southeastern part of the U.S. state of Idaho. It is the principal city of the Pocatello metropolitan area, which encompasses all of Bannock and Power counties. As of the 2000 census the population of Pocatello was 51,466 (2006 estimate: 53,932) with a metro population of 83,303.

Pocatello is the fourth-largest city in the state, slightly larger than Idaho Falls. In 2007, Pocatello was ranked twentieth on Forbes list of Best Small Places for Business and Careers.

Pocatello is the home of Idaho State University and the manufacturing facility of ON Semiconductor. Founded as an important stop on the first railroad in Idaho during the gold rush, the city later became an important center for agriculture. It is located along the Portneuf River where it emerges from the mountains onto the Snake River Plain, along the route of the Oregon Trail. The city is named after Chief Pocatello, a chief of the Shoshoni tribe who granted the right-of-way for the railroad across the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The city is served by the Pocatello Regional Airport.