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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CAMPGROUND HOST
PAXSON LAKE CAMPGROUND

Paxson Lake Campground is located adjacent to Paxson Lake at Milepost 175 on the Richardson Highway. The country is very scenic with the Alaska Range visible on clear days. Vegetation is spruce forest (taiga) and tundra. Wildlife is often seen - eagles, moose, caribou, waterfowl, porcupine and more. Paxson Lake is well-known for lake trout fishing.

The campground facilities include: 50 campsites (each with a table, parking pad and fire ring), boat launch, outhouses, information/interpretive panels, and fee station. The campground has potable water (hand pump) and an RV dump station.

Snow opens and closes the campground. The ice generally goes off Paxson Lake in late May or early June. The campground and boat launch are busy from approximately early June through Labor Day. Heaviest use is generally over the July 4th holiday. Paxson Lake Campground is the put-in point for many rafters and canoeists that float the Gulkana National Wild River.

Duties of the campground host will be checking campers for fee payment; helping the campers and providing area information; explaining campground and Gulkana National Wild River use policies; light maintenance duties such as painting picnic tables and picking up excess litter; reading traffic counter and maintaining records of campground and boat launch use daily; and, reporting any problems or incidents to the Outdoor Recreation Planner.

The campground host duties will not include collecting fee envelopes and processing the fees. Garbage collection and outhouse maintenance are performed three times per week under contract. Other maintenance is done by the BLM recreation maintenance worker.

Dates of duty are approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day. The work week is generally 10 workdays on and 4 days off (every other Monday-Thursday).

Campground host amenities will include a \$37/day meal cost reimbursement and mileage payment for use of personal vehicle (generally one trip to the Field Office each week). It also includes some reimbursement for generator fuel and propane.

The position requires that the host provide their own housing in the form of a recreational vehicle. No hookups for power, water or sewer are available. Potable water (from hand pump) and a BLM dump station are located at Paxson Lake Campground. Communication with the Field Office and other BLM campgrounds will be by two way radio and satellite phone supplied by BLM. Cell phone coverage is generally available at this facility.

Paxson Lodge (located ten miles north of Paxson Campground) has a restaurant, fuel, telephone, lodging and post office. Most other facilities are 60 miles to the south in Glennallen. Facilities include Cross Roads Medical Center (with pharmacy, clinic and emergency room), bank, gas stations, grocery store, dump station, restaurants, post office, State Troopers, visitor center, chamber of commerce, video store and more. Prices are fairly high with a loaf of bread between \$1.50 and \$3.00, one gallon of milk for \$3.99, hamburger from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per pound, and gas averaging \$2.80 per gallon. The BLM Glennallen Field Office is located in Glennallen at Milepost 186.5 on the Glenn Highway.

June is usually somewhat dry and sunny. July is often rainy and August varies, with autumn arriving about mid-month. It can snow during any month, but also can get in the 80's during the summer. Be prepared for any kind of weather.