

The city of Challis is a rural community which lies nestled in a scenic valley. Residents and visitors enjoy a small town Fourth of July and exciting rodeos. Memorial Day weekend events kick off the month-long Lilac Festival. Visitors and residents can golf a challenging nine-hole course surrounded by scenic mountains or explore historic downtown Challis and North Custer Museum. Challis does have a small medical clinic, but the nearest hospital is located in Salmon, one hour away.

The Weather: Summer temperatures average about 70 degrees, and winter temperatures average about 28 degrees (occasional minus temperatures).

Recreation: Challis is located within miles of the White Cloud Mountains and the River of No Return Wilderness. It is the ideal base camp for recreating in the vast 3 million acres of Custer County, with access to hiking, biking, fishing, camping, hunting, rafting, boating, off-road riding, snowmobiling, mountaineering and horseback riding. Friendly locals in this town of 1,000 will direct you to adventures. And if you are fortunate, one of them may even reveal the location of a favorite fishing hole.

For median home prices and other pertinent information, visit the Challis Chamber of Commerce Website: <http://challischamber.com/index.html>



Idaho BLM is divided into four different districts. Each district is divided into field offices, as shown above. The Salmon, Challis, Upper Snake and Pocatello Field Offices make up Idaho Falls District.



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Challis Field Office





A view of the Challis Lost River Range

WHAT DOES THIS AREA HAVE TO OFFER?

Challis

Estimated Population: 1,000. However, total population of Custer County is approximately 4,100.

Schools: Challis boasts a full public school district with a high school. The average enrollment for the district is about 500 students.

Nearest Airport: Challis Airport, which is small. The nearest commercial service airport is located in Idaho Falls, about two and a half hours away.

Economy: Challis's economy is made up of several factions. The largest employer in Challis is the Thompson Creek Mine, though most of its employees travel outside of town to work. The second largest employers are the BLM and US Forest Service, for they both have offices located within Challis. Many Custer County residents work in farming, ranching, and mining. The tour and leisure industry also employs many people in the town, as tourists visit the area to enjoy the numerous recreational opportunities within the area.



Wildflowers near Challis in the spring

WHY BLM?

- **Flexible Work Schedule**
- **Flexible Leave Options.** During their first years of employment, BLM employees earn four hours of leave every pay period.
 - After three years, 6 hours/pay period.
 - After 15 years, 8 hours/pay period.
- **Excellent Benefits.** Retirement and health benefits for term, career seasonal and full time employees.
- **Dependable wages.** Satisfactory job performance earns employees steady, reliable pay increases.



- **Health and Wellness Programs.** Employees can participate in health club memberships and can be reimbursed for some of the cost, or allotted exercise time.
- **Career Diversity.** BLM offers diverse career paths, with opportunities for training, education, and job growth. Here are a few dynamic BLM career choices:

Archeologist
 Botanist
 Ecologist
 Economist
 Electronics Technician
 Engineer
 Fire Management
 Forester
 Geologist
 Hazardous Materials Specialist
 Hydrologist
 Land Surveyor
 Wildlife or Fisheries

Biologist
 Information Resources Specialist
 Natural Resources Specialist
 Outdoor Recreation Planner
 Planning Coordinator
 Public Affairs Specialist
 Rangeland Management Specialist
 Law Enforcement Ranger
 Realty Specialist