

The settlement of Cottonwood originated its unique name from the black cottonwood trees that grow along the creek, a species considered the largest poplar in North America. Within eight miles in three directions are the small communities of Ferdinand, Greencreek and Keuterville. All four of these small communities are located in one of the largest counties in the nation and only 14 miles from the Idaho County seat of Grangeville.

Cottonwood is located in the scenic, central “pan-handle” region of Idaho. The area boasts both open, rolling plains and rugged, heavily wooded mountain areas, and scenic canyonlands just minutes away.

Recreation: The Salmon, Snake and Clearwater Rivers provide endless fishing and river rafting opportunities which are in close proximity to Cottonwood. Residents and visitors alike enjoy other year round and seasonal outdoor activities including hunting, camping, hiking, swimming, sightseeing, power boating, snowmobiling, and winter skiing. The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness area, the largest in the lower 48 states, is also nearby.

For median home prices and other pertinent information, visit the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce site: <http://www.cottonwoodidaho.org/>

The communities of Lewiston and Grangeville are also nearby and provide more shopping, recreation and cultural opportunities.

Lewiston Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.lewistonchamber.org/>

Grangeville Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.grangevilleidaho.com/>



Idaho BLM is divided into four districts. Each district is divided into field offices, as shown above. The Coeur d'Alene District includes the Cottonwood and Coeur d'Alene Field Offices.



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River rafting opportunities abound in the Cottonwood area.

WHAT DOES THIS AREA HAVE TO OFFER?

Cottonwood

Estimated Population: 1,000 (about 2,278 including surrounding area townships)

Schools: Schools include public and private, with one elementary, one junior high and one high school. There is a private school which includes grades elementary, junior high and high school.

Economy: Cottonwood is a close knit and progressive community located in Idaho County which enjoys a healthy business climate and friendly atmosphere. Idaho County's economy has been adding jobs at a slow, but steady, rate during the last three years. The area remains heavily dependent on natural resources—both forest products and agriculture. One in eight of the county's private-sector jobs are in logging or wood products manufacturing. Unfortunately, the decrease in U.S. housing starts has depressed lumber prices, forcing local mills to reduce employment. The county—full of mountains, forests and rivers—is just beginning to tap into its tourism potential. Within 60 miles, Lewiston (Idaho) and Clarkston (Washington) have two community colleges and provide additional shopping, services, and recreational opportunities. Grangeville, located 15 miles away, provides an easy commute to Cottonwood.

Airports: Lewiston in Nez Perce County; 55 miles away.

Climate: Cottonwood's average summer temperatures are in the low to mid 80's, and average winter temperatures vary in the 30's.

WHY BLM?

• **Career Diversity.** BLM offers diverse career paths, with opportunities for training, education, and job growth. Here are a few dynamic BLM career choices:

<i>Archeologist</i>	<i>Wildlife or Fisheries</i>
<i>Botanist</i>	<i>Biologist</i>
<i>Ecologist</i>	<i>Information Resources</i>
<i>Economist</i>	<i>Natural Resources</i>
<i>Electronics Technician</i>	<i>Outdoor Recreation</i>
<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Planning Coordinator</i>
<i>Fire Management</i>	<i>Public Affairs</i>
<i>Forester</i>	<i>Rangeland Management</i>
<i>Geologist</i>	<i>Law Enforcement</i>
<i>Hazardous Materials</i>	<i>Realty</i>
<i>Hydrologist</i>	<i>Land Surveyor</i>

• **Health and Wellness Programs.** Employees have access to on-site fitness facilities, partially-paid health club memberships or allotted exercise time.

• **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.

