



## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

### **Temporary Promotion/Detail and Permanent Position**



**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS)**  
**Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program - Analysis Team**  
**GS-0408/0460-11/12 Ecologist/Forester**

**Please reply ASAP (by February 22, 2021 at latest)**

The Rocky Mountain Research Station is currently outreaching for up to two **GS-0408/0460-11/12 Ecologist/Forester** permanent positions, serving in the Station's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program Analysis Team.

#### **The FIA Analyst:**

The position serves in a Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Work Unit. The Unit is one of four FIA Units across the country that comprise the national Forest Inventory and Analysis program. The FIA program is charged with conducting a nationally consistent strategic annual forest inventory of the United States and its territories. The incumbent is responsible for:

- Designing and implementing cutting-edge forest and vegetation reporting on FIA's inventory with huge potential for innovation.
- Engaging in original scientific research on a wide variety of natural resource related topics that serve the program's goals.
- Analyzing data and clearly communicating (in writing, graphically, and verbally) important information about complex natural resource issues.
- Working with FIA staff partners/information users to make reports as useful and intuitive as possible.
- Developing improvements to the procedures used for summarizing and sharing strategic inventory data.
- Learning new technical skills, such as statistical analyses and/or programming languages, to keep pace with ongoing progress in FIA data analysis and delivery.

We are looking for an individual who:

- Has strong data analysis and reporting skills as well as foundational knowledge in forestry, botany, vegetation ecology, wildlife biology, carbon/climate change effects research, and/or statistics.
- Has an understanding of the basics of federal (USDA and DOI) land management.
- Is an independent worker and clear and effective communicator (verbally and in writing).
- Has demonstrated strong project management, organization, and time management skills.
- Above all, enjoys a challenge and is continually learning; has the ability to cope well with changing direction, multiple priorities, and fast-paced work; has the ability to work with all; and contributes to continuous improvement in the work environment.
- Has familiarity and technical skills with PLSQL Developer, R, SAS, Microsoft Access, ArcGIS, Tableau, and/or other statistical computing, mapping, or data-visualization software.
- Has familiarity and technical skills with forestry/fire/ecology modeling systems and programs (such as Forest Vegetation Simulator, BehavePlus, and/or FlamMap, etc.).

### **The RMRS-FIA Program:**

The RMRS Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, with headquarters in downtown Ogden, Utah, conducts a continuously-updated a comprehensive inventory and analysis of vegetation conditions in the Interior West. This program provides foundational support for land management agencies, policy makers, the scientific community, and forest industries. As a member of the Analysis Team, the incumbent is responsible for designing and implementing cutting-edge reporting on this inventory with huge potential for innovation. Analysts also engage in original scientific research on a wide variety of natural resource related topics that serve the program's goals.



***Downtown Ogden with Mount Ogden in the background. Photo from visitogden.com.***

The FIA Program is part of and works closely with others at the Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS) in the Research and Development branch of the USDA Forest Service. RMRS scientists and programs work in a range of biological, physical and social science fields to promote sustainable management of the Nation's diverse forests and rangelands. The Station develops and delivers scientific knowledge and innovative technologies with a focus on informing policy and land-management decisions. Our researchers work in collaboration with a range of partners, including other agencies, academia, nonprofit groups, and industry. The Station serves and has staff located across the Interior West of the US, with headquarters in Fort Collins, Colorado. See <https://www.fs.usda.gov/rmrs/about-station> for more.

Please **complete and return** the attached Outreach Response Form ASAP (or by February 22, 2021 at latest), with a **resume/CV** and a **1-page (max) description of why you are interested in this work and why your education, experience, and other qualifications will allow you to be successful in this position to: Kristen Pelz, RMRS-FIA Analysis Team Leader, at [kristen.pelz@usda.gov](mailto:kristen.pelz@usda.gov), and feel free to email or call at 303-859-0892 if you have any questions.**

# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Position of Interest: <b>Rocky Mountain Research Station – FIA Analyst</b>	
Series/Grade: <b>GS-0408/0460 11/12</b>	
Location: Select all of interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Ogden, UT <input type="checkbox"/> Fort Collins, CO <input type="checkbox"/> Boise, ID <input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque, NM <input type="checkbox"/> Missoula, MT <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual Other: _____	
<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name:	E-Mail Address:
Mailing Address:	
Work Phone:	Alternate Phone:
If you are currently a government employee, agency employed with: <input type="checkbox"/> USFS <input type="checkbox"/> BLM <input type="checkbox"/> NPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Type of Appointment: <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Term <input type="checkbox"/> VRA <input type="checkbox"/> PWD <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Not Current Federal Employee	
Current Region/Forest/District:	
Current Series And Grade If Applicable:	
Current Position Title:	
Where Did You Hear About Vacancy/Outreach:	
Are you interested in the temporary position, permanent position, or both?	
<b>If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Readjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran’s Employment Opportunities Act of 1998	<input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways (former Student Career Experience Program) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Additional Remarks</b>	
<p><i>If you are interested in this position, please <b>complete and return</b> this form Outreach Response Form <b>as soon as possible</b> (or February 22, 2021 at latest), with a <b>resume/CV</b> and a <b>1-page (max) description of why you are interested in this work and why your education, experience, and other qualifications will allow you to be successful in this position</b> to: Kristen Pelz, RMRS-FIA Analysis Team Leader, at <a href="mailto:kristen.pelz@usda.gov">kristen.pelz@usda.gov</a>, and feel free to call at 303-859-0892 if you have any questions.</i></p>	

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a double click to select or unselect. Type entries in other fields. Submission of this form is voluntary ~ Thanks for your interest!