



Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Rocky Mountain Research Station

USDA Forest Service

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INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Biological Scientist, GS-401-5/7/9

FIA Crew Leaders

The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Ogden, UT, anticipates filling the following positions:

Show Low or Springerville, Arizona
Driggs, Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
Missoula, Montana
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Afton, Wyoming
Cody or Powell, Wyoming
Riverton or Lander, Wyoming

- These positions will be advertised in January 2022 in the Biological Scientist (GS-401) series at the GS 5/7/9 levels. This is a career permanent-seasonal (PSE) positions consisting of:
 - 13 pay periods of full-time work, and 13 pay periods in nonpay (13/13) for the duty stations in **Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.**
 - 18 pay periods of full-time work and 8 pay periods in nonpay (18/8) for the duty stations in **Arizona and New Mexico.**
 - Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding.
 - Start date in mid-April

These positions serve as members of the Rocky Mountain Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, headquartered in Ogden, Utah, which conducts forest resource inventories and forest health monitoring activities throughout the interior west states including Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. For more information about the Program, please visit our internet site at www.fs.fed.us/rm/ogden/.

These positions will serve as part of a two-person forest resource inventory crew. The work involves planning, logistics, mentoring crew member, contacting landowners for access; locating study plots using GPS and aerial photo baseline techniques; conducting extensive resource and health inventories including tree measurements and foliage evaluations, understory vegetation composition and structure estimates, site characteristics and soils evaluations, and other studies; using various measurement instruments and

electronic data recorders. The crew leader is not an official supervisor but does give day-to-day direction to the crew.

Fieldwork regularly includes extensive hiking and backpacking in remote and rugged areas, in all weather conditions, and carrying heavy daypacks (~45 lb.) or backpacks (60+ lb.). Depending on location, a variety of other methods are used to access plots including ATV's, horses, aircraft, and boats; please contact us for specifics of each location.

The area sampled by the RMRS Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program cover a diversity of ecological communities. Terrain varies from dry ponderosa pine, oak woodland and juniper forests at lower elevations and the southern portion of the 8-state territory; to the high alpine forests of Colorado, Wyoming, and the Rocky Mountains; to the temperate rain forests of northern Idaho and northwestern Montana - and everything in between! Each crew covers a large area, and all staff will experience a wide variety of country.

The field season typically runs from April through October for positions in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, February through November for duty stations in Arizona and New Mexico. Overnight travel away from the duty station is frequent and may include periods of extended and continuous travel. The ability to work productively as part of a team, meet the physical demands of this challenging outdoor work, and to quickly learn a complex set of field protocols are all very important in this position!

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open in January 2022, and will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: www.usajobs.gov

If you would enjoy working as part of the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, we encourage you to express your interest in the position to one of the following supervisors listed below. If you reply to this outreach notice, we will notify you when the position is announced. Please email your response to one of the people listed below by **January 15, 2022**.

Location	State	Appointment	Supervisor and Contact Person	Email	Phone
Show Low or Springerville	Arizona	18/8	John Capuano	john.capuano@usda.gov	520-425-7080
Driggs	Idaho	13/13	Ray Safiran	raymond.safiran@usda.gov	208-360-6181
Moscow	Idaho	13/13	Brett Wilson	brett.g.wilson@usda.gov	208-215-4773
Missoula	Montana	13/13	Brian Bryant	brian.bryant@usda.gov	406-270-2729
Albuquerque	New Mexico	18/8	John Capuano	john.capuano@usda.gov	520-425-7080
Afton	Wyoming	13/13	Val Nelson	val.j.nelson@usda.gov	801-510-6996
Cody or Powell	Wyoming	13/13	Val Nelson	val.j.nelson@usda.gov	801-510-6996
Riverton or Lander	Wyoming	13/13	Val Nelson	val.j.nelson@usda.gov	801-510-6996

Thank you for your interest in these positions!

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OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM

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Please complete this form and return it to one of the contacts listed below or Maryfaith Snyder maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov by **January 15, 2022**:

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Indicate the Duty Station(s) you are interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Show Low, Arizona (18/8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Driggs, Idaho (13/13) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Afton, Wyoming (13/13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lander, Wyoming (13/13) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cody, Wyoming (13/13) | |

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **E-Mail:** _____

Are you currently a Federal employee: YES NO

If yes,
Current title/series/grade/location: _____

Type of appointment you are currently under _____
(e.g., Temporary, Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

Do you qualify to apply under the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act (information at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/lmwa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf>)

- Yes No