INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

FORESTRY TECHNICIANS (GS-462-6)

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

Driggs, Idaho (2 positions)                      Richfield, Utah
Helena, Montana                                  Afton, Wyoming
Missoula, Montana                                Cody or Powell, Wyoming
Albuquerque, New Mexico                          Riverton or Lander, Wyoming
Ogden, Utah

- These positions will be advertised in January 2022 in the Forestry Technician (GS-462) series at the GS 6 level. 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, Ogden Utah and Wyoming.
  - 18 pay periods of full-time work and 8 pay periods in nonpay (18/8) for the duty stations in Albuquerque New Mexico and Richfield Utah.
  - Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding.
  - Start date in mid-April

All the positions serve as members of the Interior West 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/.

Each position will serve as part of a two-person forest resource inventory crew. The forestry technician crew member work under the direction of a local crew leader. The work involves contacting landowners for access; locating study plots using GPS; conducting extensive resource and health inventories including tree measurements and foliage evaluations, understory vegetation composition and structure estimates, site characteristics and soils evaluations, etc; using various measurement instruments and electronic data recorders.

The area sampled by the RMRS Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program covers a diversity of ecological communities. Terrain varies from dry ponderosa pine, oak woodland and juniper forests at lower elevations in 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.

Fieldwork is arduous, and regularly includes extensive hiking and backpacking in remote and rugged areas, on and off-trail, 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 field season typically runs from April through October for positions in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, February through November for duty stations in New Mexico and Utah. 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 positions are based at several different locations, which are indicated in the table below.

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The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for these positions. The vacancy announcement for these positions, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government’s official site for jobs and employment information: [www.usajobs.gov](http://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(s) as soon as possible and no later than **January 15, 2022**. If you reply to this outreach notice, we will notify you when the positions are announced. For additional information, please contact any of the supervisors listed above, or Maryfaith Snyder at (801) 725-0134 or maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov

This outreach is for your information. If you are an education institution, please post the Outreach to your Jobs Board.

Thank you for your interest in these positions!

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Please indicate all duty stations that you are interested in:

- Driggs, ID 13/13
- Helena, MT 13/13
- Missoula, MT 13/13
- Albuquerque, NM 18/8
- Ogden, UT 13/13
- Richfield, UT 18/8
- Afton, WY 13/13
- Cody, WY 13/13
- Powell, WY 13/13
- Riverton, WY 13/13
- Lander, WY 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/lmwfa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/lmwfa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf))

- ☐ Yes  ☐ No