



Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Rocky Mountain Research Station

USDA Forest Service

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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)
Helena, Montana
Missoula, Montana
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Ogden, Utah

Richfield, Utah
Afton, Wyoming
Cody or Powell, Wyoming
Riverton or Lander, Wyoming

- 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

Location	State	Appointment	Supervisor and Contact	Email	Phone	Note
Driggs	Idaho	13/13	Ray Safiran	raymond.safiran@usda.gov	208-360-6181	2 positions
Helena	Montana	13/13	Mike Bell	michael.bell1@usda.gov	406-579-9679	
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	
Ogden	Utah	13/13	Juliet Wilhelm	juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov	801-725-4116	
Richfield	Utah	18/8	Juliet Wilhelm	juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov	801-725-4116	
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	
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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

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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OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM

Rocky Mountain Research Station Forest Inventory and Analysis Program Forestry Technician – Crew Assistant

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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Please indicate all duty stations that you are interested in:

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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>)

- Yes No