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# Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

## Rocky Mountain Research Station

### USDA Forest Service

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## INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

### FORESTRY TECHNICIANS (GS-462-6) Quality Control Crew Assistant

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

**Boise, Idaho  
and  
Big Timber, Billings, Bozeman or Columbus, Montana**

- 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)
  - 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/](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/ogden/).

The **Quality Control (QC) inspection crews** will travel more within their state or may need to work in another state when needed. The QC crew consists of a Quality Control Inspector and a Forestry Technician as the assistant. The forestry technician QC crew member work under the direction of the QC crew leader. The work involves contacting landowners for access; locating study plots using GPS techniques; 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 QC crew will also train data collection techniques, evaluate the data quality of non-QC production crews, and participate on regional and national data consistency teams.

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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 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 Dana Lambert, Field Training/QC Coordinator at [dana.lambert@usda.gov](mailto:dana.lambert@usda.gov) or call 970-596-3863. Or contact Maryfaith Snyder, Data Collection Team Lead at [maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov](mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov) or call 801-725-0134.

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

Please complete this form and return it to Dana Lambert [dana.lambert@usda.gov](mailto:dana.lambert@usda.gov) or Maryfaith Snyder [maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov](mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov) by **January 15, 2022**:

Please indicate all duty stations that you are interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boise, ID      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bozeman, MT  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Timber, MT | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbus, MT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billings, MT   |                                       |

**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