



Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Rocky Mountain Research Station

USDA Forest Service

Biological Scientist GS-0401-5/7/9

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INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Advertisement

Show Low or Springerville, AZ

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

FIA Crew Leader

The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station's Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Ogden, UT, anticipates filling the following position as a re-advertisement:

- One Biological Scientist in support of the field inventory, in Show Low OR Springerville AZ (decision on duty station made at time of hire). This position will be advertised in the Biological Scientist (GS-401) series at the GS 5/7/9 levels. This is a career permanent-seasonal (PSE) positions consisting of:
- 18 pay periods of full time work, and 8 pay periods in nonpay
- Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding.

This position serve as a member 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/.

This position will serve as part of a single or two person forest resource inventory crew. The work involves planning, logistics, mentoring crew assistant, contacting land owners 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, etc; 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 when not working solo.

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.

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 March through November or longer if weather is mild and work is available. 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, 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. 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 **August 16th, 2021**:

John Capuano	Area Leader/Supervisor	John.capuano@usda.gov	520-425-7080
Maryfaith Snyder	Data Collection Team Lead	Maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov	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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Duty Station Preference:

- Show Low, AZ**
 Springerville, AZ

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 _____