

---

# Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

## Rocky Mountain Research Station

### USDA Forest Service



---

Issue Date: March 10, 2021

## INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Advertisement  
Grangeville, Idaho  
Lewistown, Montana  
Ogden, Utah  
Ely, Nevada

### **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 position as a re-advertisement:

- Four Biological Scientist in support of the field inventory, Grangeville, Idaho. 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:
- 13 pay periods of full time work, and 13 pay periods in nonpay (13/13) for the duty stations in **Grangeville and Lewistown**
- 18 pay periods of fulltime work and 8 pay periods in nonpay (18/8) for the duty stations in **Ogden and Ely**.
- Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding.

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/](http://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 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.

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 November for Grangeville and Lewistown; March through November for Ogden and Ely. 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](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 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 **April 2, 2021**.

Location	State	Appointment	Supervisor	Email	Phone
Grangeville	Idaho	13/13	Juliet Wilhelm	<a href="mailto:juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov">juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov</a>	801-725-4116
Lewistown	Montana	13/13	Mike Bell	<a href="mailto:mike.bell@usda.gov">mike.bell@usda.gov</a>	406-579-9679
Ogden	Utah	18/8	Maryfaith Snyder	<a href="mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov">maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov</a>	801-725-0134
Ely	Nevada	18/8	Maryfaith Snyder	<a href="mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov">maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov</a>	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!**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). Persons with disabilities who require alternate means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotapes, etc) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202)720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM

**Rocky Mountain Research Station**  
Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Please complete this form and return it to one or all of the following by **April 2, 2021**:

Location	State	Appointment	Supervisor	Email	Phone
Grangeville	Idaho	13/13	Juliet Wilhelm	<a href="mailto:juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov">juliet.wilhelm@usda.gov</a>	801-725-4116
Lewistown	Montana	13/13	Mike Bell	<a href="mailto:mike.bell@usda.gov">mike.bell@usda.gov</a>	406-579-9679
Ogden	Utah	18/8	Maryfaith Snyder	<a href="mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov">maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov</a>	801-725-0134
Ely	Nevada	18/8	Maryfaith Snyder	<a href="mailto:maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov">maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov</a>	801-725-0134

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

- Grangeville, ID (13/13)  
 Lewistown, MT (13/13)

- Ogden, UT (18/8)  
 Ely, NV (18/8)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_