

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update - Supplement March 12, 2014

WHAT'S NEW

Reminder: The Forest Health Monitoring Program Biennial Workgroup Meeting will be held March 25-27, 2014 near Jacksonville, FL. The deadline for meeting registration is **Friday, March 14, 2014**. Lodging will be at the Aloft Jacksonville Airport Hotel, (904-714-3800), approximately a 30-minute drive from the meeting location. A block of rooms has been arranged under the name "Forest Health Monitoring Workgroup – US Forest Service." The government rate of \$83 will be honored. Reservations need to be made by **Monday, March 17, 2014** to ensure receiving this rate. If you plan to arrive on Sunday, March 23, please contact Valerie Cooper (vcooper@fs.fed.us or 919-549-4014) so that she can arrange the conference rate for Sunday. Additional information about the meeting including the draft agenda, poster registration, and the meeting registration form are available on the [FHM homepage](#).

Job Opportunities

The USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry, Forest Health Protection, Intermountain Region will be filling one Plant Pathologist position at the GS-09, GS-11 or GS-12 level. A career ladder opportunity may be possible if the position is filled below GS-12. Response to this outreach will determine if the position is advertised as GS-09/11/12 or as GS-09/11 with promotion potential to GS-12. Outreach responses will also determine if the advertisement is open to public or will be limited to current federal or Forest Service employees. This will be a permanent full-time position with the Boise Field Office of Forest Health Protection located at the Boise National Forest Supervisor Office in Boise, Idaho. Position requires knowledge of forest pathology to identify, assess the impact of, and propose management strategies for forest diseases. Primary duties at the GS-11 level include:

- Plans, coordinates and conducts evaluation surveys on Federal, State, and private lands to determine the status of forest pathogens.
- Analyzes data and prepares complete and comprehensive reports. Makes recommendation on pathogen management methods.
- Develops quality and efficiency guidelines for specific biological evaluations based on research findings and experience.
- Participates in suppression and prevention projects where the conduct of the projects can reduce the adverse effects of a pathogen.
- Makes recommendations on proven reforestation, harvesting, and silvicultural practices which reduce losses.
- Plans and conducts training of federal, State, and private land managers in the identification of injurious pathogens, the damage they cause, methods and

concepts of biological evaluations, and fundamentals of preventing losses by sound forest management practices.

- Plans and organizes pilot projects and field tests when assigned.

Primary duties at the GS-12 level include:

- Coordinates and implements all aspects of a complex major forest pathogen detection, evaluation, prevention, and control program for such diseases as dwarf mistletoe or rusts.
- Exercises scientific judgment to conceive and conduct special evaluations, often collaborating with research, to gain additional specific knowledge concerning disease biology, ecological relationships, parasitic effects, survey methodology, or new control techniques. Implements technology transfer plans in order to make information available to specialists and resource managers.
- Prepares plans designed to meet technical objectives and collects field data. Processes and analyzes data, consults with other professionals, evaluates the results, and makes recommendations. Prepares technical reports and manuscripts.
- Provides site-specific, technical assistance concerning forest diseases to land managers. Assistance usually is documented by incumbent in written guidelines which are incorporated into various resource project plans. Develops these management guidelines by identifying significant pathogens, determining the present amount of damage caused by the organisms, and exercising judgment in evaluating the actual or potential seriousness of the infestation. Where reduction of pathogen effects is desirable, incumbent develops current, effective, environmentally safe, and economically sound disease management alternatives which are consistent with specific land management objectives.
- Organizes, plans, and conducts forest pathology related training programs, presentations, or seminars, for various Federal, State, and private individuals. Presentations are tailored to the specific needs and objectives of the requesting unit and involve summarization and presentation of complex, scientific forest pathology subject matter, or new forest disease research developments in a concise, understandable manner.

If you are interested in this position, please complete the outreach form (attached to this Update as attachment 1) and send to Joel McMillin (jcmillin@fs.fed.us) by **April 4, 2014**. For further information, contact Joel McMillin, Forest Health Protection Boise Field Office Group Leader at 208-373-4227. Your name will be added to the mailing list and you will be notified when the position is advertised. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Plant Pathologist, GS-0434-9/11/12
USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Boise, ID

DEADLINE FOR RESPONDING TO OUTREACH: April 4, 2014

If you are interested in this position, please complete this outreach form and send via e-mail to jmcmillin@fs.fed.us or by surface mail to: Joel McMillin, Forest Health Protection, Boise National Forest, 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200, Boise, ID 84709. Additional questions may be directed to Joel McMillin, Forest Health Protection at 208-373-4227 or at the email address noted above.

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Federal Agency Employed with: USFS Other (Please list):

Type of appointment currently under (please check one):

Permanent Temporary Term Other (Please list):

Current Title:

Current Series/Grade:

Current Region/Forest/District:

If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corp Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Recruitment Appointment | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Career Experience Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | |

Thank you for your interest in this Forest Service Outreach Notice.

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g., target grade or multi-grade and service-wide, region-wide, government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make these determinations.