

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update – Supplement May 20, 2014

Job Opportunities

The USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region, Forest Health Protection is currently advertising a Plant Pathologist position (GS-0434-09/12, full-time permanent) to be located in Boise, ID. This position is located in Region 4 in the Boise Field Office of Forest Health Protection located on the Boise National Forest. This position requires knowledge of forest pathology to identify, assess the impact of, and propose management strategies for forest diseases. Duties (listed at the full performance level): Coordinates and implements all aspects of a complex major forest pathogen detection, evaluation, prevention, and control program for such diseases as dwarf mistletoe or fusiform rust. 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. For additional information about the position, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcement on the [U.S. Office of Personnel Management website](#). The job announcement number for US citizens and Nationals is 14-0451-43603DP-RC and the open period is **Tuesday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 27, 2014**. The job announcement number for federal career and status eligible applicants (see announcement for a full list) is 14-0451-43603G-RC and the open period for this job announcement number is **Monday, May 12, 2014 to Tuesday, May 27, 2014**. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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