

# Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update - Supplement November 17, 2015

## Job Opportunities

**The U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, State and Private Forestry, Washington Office (detached), Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team** is conducting advertising for a Lead Information Technology Specialist (GS-2210-13). This is a full-time, permanent position located in Fort Collins, CO. The position serves as the Software Development Program Manager with Forest Health Technology Enterprise, and is responsible for planning, developing, administering, and implementing the Software Development Program. The individual in this position: performs a variety of IT functions in a management/technical staff involving the operations of complex IT systems; plans and carries out difficult and complex assignments, develops new methods, approaches, and procedures, and provides advice and guidance on a wide range/variety of IT issues; interprets and recommends enforcement of IT policies, standards, and guidelines; works with customer program representatives to define and refine functional requirements, translate functional requirements into design specifications, and determines the best approach for implementation within a technical environment; provides technical IT advice to executive level managers and regularly represents the Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team (FHTET) in meetings and discussions with representatives of industry, State Cooperators, interagency advisory committees, and other Federal agencies and systems users; participates in conferences, workshops, and task groups within the agency or with external partners; leads a team of employees and contractors performing work up to and including the GS-12 level. Eligible applicants are current permanent Federal employees with competitive status, reinstatement eligibles, persons with disabilities, VEOA eligibles, certain military spouses, 30% or more disabled veterans, former Peace Corps or VISTA volunteers, CTAP/ICTAP eligibles, Farm Service Agency permanent county employees and those eligible for other Special Hiring Authorities. For additional information about the position, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcements on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The job announcement number is 16-WO-SPF-195357G-BJL and the open period is **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 to Friday, November 27, 2015**. For additional information about the duties of these positions, please contact Frank Sapio (U.S. Forest Service, Director, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team) at [fsapio@fs.fed.us](mailto:fsapio@fs.fed.us) or 970-295-5840. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

**The Idaho Department of Lands, Coeur d'Alene**, is currently advertising for a Land Program Manager – Forest Health Program Manager. The Department of

Lands (IDL) is offering an opportunity for an experienced and talented individual to lead the Department's Forest Health Program. The successful candidate will have a diverse and strong forest health background, a service-oriented work style and a superior ability to effectively communicate and work with all levels of the organization and the forest landowners we assist. This person must also possess strong character, leadership and interpersonal skills. This position reports directly to the Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief in the Coeur d'Alene Staff office. The Forest Health Program Manager is responsible for statewide administration and implementation of forest health monitoring, suppression and prevention activities. This position leads and supervises several program specialists and program support staff and is responsible for administering a variety of agreements, memorandums of understanding, and consulting contracts to achieve statewide program objectives. The position provides assistance to State, Industrial, and Non-industrial forest landowners overseeing more than four million acres of forest lands across Idaho. Position responsibilities: plan, schedule and direct staff activities for forest insect and disease detection, evaluation, suppression and prevention; develop program operating procedures and guidelines; develop and oversee program budget including federal grants administration; coordinate program activities with federal and state partner agencies; conduct interagency training programs in insect and disease identification and prevention; coordinate and conduct public meetings regarding insect and disease control projects; participate in partner/stakeholder meetings; coordinate training and technical assistance for state and private forest owners and managers; direct aerial and field surveys to detect damage from insects and diseases; determine feasibility and justification of suppression activities; prepare and administer contracts for associated work; review timber management plans and prescriptions and inspect state timber sales to ensure compliance with pest control methods; prepare bulletins on forest pest problems and pest management techniques; provide data to USDA regarding incidence, frequency, and distribution of forest insect pests. If you are interested in applying for this position, please see the full announcement on the [Idaho Division of Human Resources website](#). The announcement number is 01063091811. The position is open for recruitment **November 13, 2015 – December 11, 2015**. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Craig Foss at [cfoss@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:cfoss@idl.idaho.gov) or 206-666-8632, or Gina Davis at [gdavis@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:gdavis@idl.idaho.gov) or 208-666-8668. *Hiring is done without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability. In addition, preference may be given to veterans who qualify under state and federal laws and regulations. If you need special accommodations to satisfy testing requirements, please contact the Division of Human Resources.*

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