

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update - Supplement February 18, 2016

Job Opportunities

The USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Forest Health Protection Southwestern Region (Region 3) is currently advertising for the position of Plant Pathologist (GS-0434-09/11/12). This position is full-time permanent and is located in Flagstaff, AZ. This position reports to the Regional Office but is located on a Forest Unit. The employee performs a variety of professional plant pathology tasks. Duties (at full performance level): Provides site-specific, technical assistance concerning forest diseases to land managers, and documents this assistance in written guidelines which are incorporated into various resource project plans. 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. 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. Organizes, plans, and conducts forest pathology related training programs, presentations, or seminars, for various Federal, State, and private individuals, which 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. 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. For additional information about the position, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcements on www.usajobs.gov. The job announcement number for **current permanent federal employees with competitive status (see announcement for a full list)** is 16-03-224893G-MBA and the open period for this job announcement number is **Friday, February 12, 2016 to Monday, February 22, 2016**. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

The U.S. Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Northern Region, (Region 1) is conducting outreach for a Biological Technician position with a target grade of GS-07/8/9. This position is a permanent position, and will be located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The Coeur d'Alene FHP field office provides services to

all federal and Tribal lands north of the Salmon River in Idaho, along with supporting state and private forests. This position is with Coeur d'Alene Forest Health Protection, hosted at the Idaho Panhandle National Forest Supervisory Office. The primary purpose of this position is to perform field and laboratory projects/surveys for detecting, identifying, monitoring and evaluating forest insects, pathogens and potential management solutions. Surveys include aerial observation and use of digital mapping equipment. Additional support for projects/and data entry, error checking and maintaining databases related to these activities is a primary duty. The incumbent will also resolve common administrative and safety concerns related to field and lab projects; may train and supervise lower grade employees. Technical success in this position requires: Knowledge of the technical processes, procedures, and techniques of forestry related biological science samples, and measurements; ability to ride in small aircraft to accurately identify and map damage agents and host; ability to modify or adapt procedures to improve efficiency of the project as well as identify common data collection errors; ability to supervise, follow safety and health procedures, write technically accurate papers, and train others; knowledge of computer software related to data input, retrieval, and routine analysis of tabular and spatial data; ability to operate motor vehicles, other motorized equipment, and to use hand tools and forestry instruments; attention to detail, accuracy as well as the ability to assess these in collected datasets; ability to recognize and measure local insect and disease agents including trees with unhealthy or newly dead crowns. Much of field work may require some physical exertion. This can occur in forest environment where terrain is often uneven, steep, rocky, and covered with thick vegetation, dead and down trees and where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. 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 and service-wide, region-wide government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. If you are interested in this position, please complete the outreach response form, attached to this Update as attachment 1, and return it to Gina Davis (U.S. Forest Service) at ginadavis@fs.fed.us **prior to March 18, 2016**. For more information about the position, please contact Gina Davis. *USDA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Provider and Employer.*

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Biological Technician, Forest Health Protection GS-404-7/8/9

R1/4 Intermountain Region

Forest Health Protection, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

If you are interested in this position, please file this page, complete the information below and attach it to an e-mail sent to ginadavis@fs.fed.us. You may also complete the form and send via US Postal Service mail to Gina Davis, Forest Health Protection, 3815 N. Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815 or Fax 208-765-7307. **Please reply no later than March 18, 2016.** If you have questions concerning the technical aspects of the position, please contact Gina Davis at 208-765-7342.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Tell us how we can contact you:

Postal Mail Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES: Current Agency and location: _____

Current title/series/grade: _____

Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate whether you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

- ___ Person With Disabilities ___ Veterans Readjustment ___ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ___ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability ___ Student Career Experience Program
- ___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ___