INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

Biological Scientist, GS-401-5/7/9
FIA Field Crew Leader

The USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station’s Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Ogden, UT, anticipates filling the following position:

- 1 Biological Scientist in support of the field inventory. This position will be advertised in the Biological Scientist (GS-401) series at the GS 5/7/9 levels. It is a career, permanent-seasonal (PSE) position consisting of 13 two-week pay periods of full time work per year. Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding. The incumbent is placed in ‘nonpay’ status for the remainder of the year. The anticipated start date is late fall 2019, or early spring of 2020.

The position serves as a member of the Interior West 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/.

The position 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 photos; 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 field 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.). A variety of other methods are used to access plots including ATV’s, horses, fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, and boats.

The area sampled by the RMRS Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program covers 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 about April through November. Overnight travel away from the duty station is frequent, and may include periods of extended and continuous travel. Work schedules for all crews can be quite varied (Maxi-flex, 8/6, 10/4, etc), and weekend work is very likely to be needed.
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 position is based in Grangeville, ID, and supervisor information is outlined in the table below:

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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 as soon as possible (we'll continue to accept responses until the vacancy announcement is posted). If you reply to this outreach notice, we'll notify you when the position is announced. For additional information, please contact the supervisor listed above.

**Grangeville, ID**

Grangeville Idaho is located in the North Central region of Idaho, in one of the largest counties in the U.S.A, aptly named Idaho County. The area is rich in history, wildlife, recreational opportunities and has three major rivers that flow within a 10 mile radius of this largely agricultural town with a population of approximately 3200 people. Grangeville celebrates the American cowboy rodeo and its western heritage each Independence Day Holiday through its annual event spanning over a century. Grangeville Border Days ties in 3 days of rodeo events, parades, eats, arts and crafts, family fun and more.

Grangeville's major employers include the U.S. Forest Service, the Joint School District, Idaho County Courthouse, City of Grangeville, Syringa General Hospital, and Idaho Forest Group as well as a major grain processor. Among these are other family owned businesses including two independent grocery stores Askers Harvest Foods and Cash and Carry Foods, a GM Dealership, Gortsema Motors, a wide variety of restaurants and sandwich shops, numerous banks and other financial institutions, insurance companies, real estate offices, retail building supplies and hardware stores, unique shops and almost any service oriented business that Grangeville and its residents need for fundamental operation.

Grangeville is located at the edge of the famed Camas Prairie where at the turn of the 19th century, members of the Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery traveled across the prairie from the Clearwater River to the Salmon River to meet with Nez Perce Indians to trade for salmon to eat. The Camas Prairie draws its name from the beautiful Camas flower that blooms in the spring and covers fields and the prairies with its hues of purple and periwinkle blue. The Nez Perce Indians dug the root as a food source which provided starch in their diets.

Grangeville skirts the western foothills of the Rocky Mountain Range named the Bitterroot Mountains. These mountains act as a natural border between Idaho and Montana, heralding the Lolo National Forest and Hwy 12 as the path that Lewis and Clark traveled during their famed exploration of the east to west corridor leading to the Pacific Ocean.

Nearby Hells Canyon on the Snake River is a popular destination for travelers who want to see the deepest gorge in the U.S. and to enjoy its extreme landscapes and abundant wildlife. The road to Pittsburg Landing...
Marina is the best access into Hells Canyon and provides camping grounds as well as guided recreation. The Snake, the Salmon and the South Fork of the Clearwater River all flow minutes from Grangeville marking the area as mecca for water sports, from fishing and whitewater rafting to jet boat races and jet boat tours. RV Parks and camping spots are available throughout the region.

Outfitters and guides willing to work hard for success, provide enjoyable recreational opportunities for travelers to the Grangeville area from all over the U.S and abroad. Folks who like to spend time outdoors in new and exciting landscapes have a multitude of options for organized recreation. Hire a guide to take you horseback riding, or hunting, jet boating and whitewater rafting, fishing and hunting, rock hounding or ATV-ing. In the colder season, Grangeville residents enjoy snowmobiling on the hundreds of miles of trails available to outdoorsmen as well as Snowhaven Ski Area and Fish Creek Meadows, for downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and snow tubing.

Entrepreneurs who work hard and offer value added services or products, can make a good living in Grangeville and the surrounding prairie communities. With high speed wireless internet services that stretch into the very rural outlying areas, folks who like to work from home can satisfy their desire for country living while being wired to the world, connected to cyberspace and marketing their wares and services globally.

Grangeville is an excellent space to live in. Families and retiring baby boomers are discovering what is meaningful and are migrating here from all over the country. Space, landscapes and peaceful living spawns the classic departure from the concrete world of the city, for those who are willing to sacrifice a few material conveniences for the solitude of country living.

We invite you to peruse our website to find out more about the area. Go ahead and plan a visit to Grangeville. It is located in the region of North Central Idaho, where wide open spaces and beautiful mountain landscapes make it a scenic escape for your vacation getaway, any season of the year. For more information about visiting Grangeville, Idaho please call the Grangeville Visitors Center at 208-983-0460.

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 this position!

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Rocky Mountain Research Station
Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Please complete this form and return it by August 26, 2019 (we’ll continue to accept responses until the vacancy announcement it posted, but also note that it could be posted prior to this date) to Juliet Wilhelm at the address below.

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☐ Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act
☐ Other

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