Forest Inventory and Analysis Program

Rocky Mountain Research Station

USDA Forest Service

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INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT

**Biological Scientist, GS-401-5/7/9**

**FIA Crew Leaders**

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

McCall, Idaho

Missoula, Montana

* These positions will be advertised in June or July 2022 in the Biological Scientist (GS-401) series at the GS 5/7/9 levels. This is a career permanent-seasonal (PSE) positions consisting of:
	+ 13 pay periods of full-time work, and 13 pay periods in non-pay (13/13)
	+ Appointees may be offered the opportunity to work longer depending on workload and funding.
	+ Start date in August 2022 or later

These positions serve as members of the Rocky Mountain Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, headquartered in Ogden, Utah, which conducts forest resource inventories 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/](http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/ogden/).

These positions will serve as part of a two-person forest resource inventory crew. The work involves planning, logistics, mentoring crew member, contacting landowners 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, and other studies; using various measurement instruments and electronic data recorders. The 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.). Depending on location, a variety of other methods are used to access plots including ATV’s, horses, aircraft, and boats; please contact us for specifics of each location.

The area sampled by the Rocky Mountain Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis (RMRS FIA) program cover 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 April through October for these two positions. Overnight travel away from the duty station is frequent and may include periods of extended and continuous travel. 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 purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open in June or July 2022, and 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 positionto one of the following supervisors listed below. If you reply to this outreach notice, we will notify you when the position is announced. Please email your response to one of the people listed below by **June 17, 2022**.



**Thank you for your interest in these positions!**

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Please complete this form and return it **to one of the contacts listed below** or Maryfaith Snyder maryfaith.snyder@usda.gov by **June, 17 2022**:



Indicate the Duty Station(s) you are interested in:

[ ] McCall, Idaho (13/13)

[ ] Missoula, Montana (13/13)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Are you currently a Federal employee:** [ ] **YES** [ ]  **NO**

 **If yes,**

 **Current title/series/grade/location: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Type of appointment you are currently under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **(e.g., Temporary, Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)**

**Do you qualify to apply under the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act (information at:**

[**https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/lmwfa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf**](https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/lmwfa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf)**)**

[ ] **Yes** [ ]  **No**