



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service  
Employment Outreach Notice**

**Temporary Forestry Technician (Research)  
Field Crew Member  
GS-0462-05/06**

Pacific Northwest Research Station  
Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program  
Forest Inventory and Analysis

**Please reply by September 13, 2019**

The PNW Research Station, Portland Forestry Sciences Lab, *may* hire 1 - 15 *temporary* positions as field data collection crew members with the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program for the **2020 field season**. Positions may be located in Washington, Oregon or California and will be filled based on changes in current workforce. Salary is dependent on location and grade.

2020 Satellite Duty Locations:

San Bernardino	CA	Mt Shasta	CA	Olympia	WA
Fresno	CA	Grants Pass	OR	Sedro-Woolley	WA
Mammoth Lakes	CA	Eugene	OR	Cle Elum	WA
Nevada City	CA	Portland	OR		
Chico	CA	Bend	OR		
Redding	CA	La Grande	OR		

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

**About the position:**

These are temporary positions (not to exceed 1039 hours) and the duration of work is expected to be 3-6 months in length. Targeted start date is **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020** for all new hires in order to participate in training activities. The positions are likely to run into September or October.

The positions are with the Data Collection Team of the PNW Research Station's Resource Monitoring and Assessment (RMA) Program, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) unit. The FIA unit is part of a nationwide program which collects, processes, analyzes, evaluates, and publishes comprehensive information on forest and other related renewable resources. Administration for this Data Collection team is located in Portland, Oregon and field crews are remotely stationed throughout Washington, Oregon and California.

These positions will support work sampling field plots located on a systematic grid across all landownerships and will be almost entirely field based. A wide variety of information is collected in the inventory including: tree measurements; forest pathogens, understory vegetation composition and structure, stand treatments and disturbances, down woody material measurements, and land ownership.

Crew members work under the direction of a local crew leader and work alongside one to three people. Crews will use maps, aerial photos, and GPS units to navigate to permanent plot locations. Measurements taken by crews include: tree/sapling/seedling data (species, diameter, height, defect, insect & disease, damage, etc.); understory vegetation (shrub, herb, grass species and percent cover, etc.); down woody material (line transects, litter depth, and fuels measurement, etc.); and site index and site attributes (site tree selection, slope,

aspect, topographic position, distance to water, etc.). Crews use portable, handheld computers to collect data in the field and then process the data later using laptop computers to address any inconsistencies or errors.

Each crew travels frequently and independently within their duty station area. Crews can expect to travel away from home for a significant portion of the field season (40-70% dependent on duty location). Travel will sometimes involve week-long trips while other times crews may need to spend a month away from home. During travel periods, crews will change locations about weekly. Lodging is generally in motel/hotels and car camping, with occasional backpacking required.

In all areas work conditions are arduous, requiring regular and recurring physical exertion. In many locations, work days frequently exceed 10 hours. Work may be performed in inclement weather (cold, heat, rain, snow) and on rugged, steep, slippery, and/or brushy slopes. Significant amounts of on-trail and off-trail hiking are required. Crewmembers must carry a 45lb pack daily, with pack weights sometimes exceeding 60lbs. Exposure to hazards such as poison oak, bears, and insects is common. Additionally, travel by helicopter, stock animal, or boat is occasionally required.

**\*\*Government Housing will NOT be available\*\***

Please see qualifications at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>

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**For more information:**

Please visit our team's website, including an information page on how to join our team!  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/rma/fia-topics/data-collection/>

If you are interested in a temporary crew member position at any of our locations with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, please use the attached response form to express your interest by **September 13, 2019** and you will be notified when the positions are advertised.

You can [send](#) your response electronically to:

[Sm.fs.pnw\\_fia\\_jobs@usda.gov](mailto:Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov) (please use the subject line "Temporary Forestry Tech") or by regular mail to:

Katie Rigsby  
620 SW Main, Suite 502  
Portland, OR 97205

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For more information about the duties and work conditions of this position, please contact us using the following e-mail address: [sm.fs.pnw\\_fia\\_jobs@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov)

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**This is a pre-announcement only. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management web site: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position.**

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish an appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the vacancy announcement (Region-wide, Service-wide, USDA-wide, Government-wide, and/or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make these determinations.

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**To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens.**



**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**GS-462-5/6 Forestry Technician**  
**Forest Inventory and Analysis**  
**Temporary PNW-FIA Field Crew Member**



Pacific Northwest Research Station Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program

**SUBMIT BY September 13, 2019**

If you are interested in these positions please complete this form and send it to: Katie Rigsby, 620 SW Main Street, Suite 502, Portland, OR 97205 or [sm.fs.pnw.fia.jobs@usda.gov](http://sm.fs.pnw.fia.jobs@usda.gov) using subject line "Temporary Forestry Tech". These positions will be advertised on the OPM USAJobs website [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are currently employed by the Federal Government:**

WHAT AGENCY ARE YOU EMPLOYED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPE OF APPOINTMENT (check): PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ TERM \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**If employed by the Forest Service:**

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT/STATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are not currently a Federal Employee:**

CURRENT EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CURRENT POSITION TITLE AND SALARY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities                | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Readjustment                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Employment Program              | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement Eligibility                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                    |

More information on special authorities: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-authorities/>

**Duty Station(s) of Interest (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INTERESTED IN ALL | <input type="checkbox"/> La Grande, OR   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chico, CA          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olympia, WA       | <input type="checkbox"/> Portland, OR    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bend, OR           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cle Elum, WA      | <input type="checkbox"/> Eugene, OR      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Shasta, CA     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedro-Woolley, WA | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants Pass, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Redding, CA        |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada City, CA    |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth Lakes, CA  |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno, CA         |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino, CA |

Thank you for your interest in our vacancies!