



United States Department of Agriculture



*“The Enterprise Program is a unique resource, comprised of skilled and experienced Forest Service employees who help us get our work done.”* Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell

## Outreach Notice

### USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, Business Operations Enterprise Program

**Position/Titles:** Forestry Aid, Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation).

**Position Series/Grade:** Forestry Aid GS-0462-03; Forestry Technician GS-0462-04/05; More than one position may be filled and at various levels.

**Tour of Duty:** Temporary, Full Time Seasonal (1039 appointment) looking to begin staffing crews in April 2022. A temporary 1039 appointment is approximately 6 months in length.

**Duty Station:** Location Negotiable. This position has a flexible duty station location within the US, preferably within 1 ½ hours of a major airport, and within commuting distance of a Forest Service office location. Final duty location will be negotiated and approved by supervisor at time of hire.

**About the Enterprise Program:** The Enterprise Program operates as an agile branch of the Forest Service delivering highly skilled on-demand services supporting land and resource management activities. Enterprise is organized under Washington Office, Business Operations and is currently comprised of over 250 employees stationed nationwide. The Program supports increased productivity and effectiveness by providing rapid response services across all levels of the Forest Service. This is particularly advantageous to the agency when specialized skills are not otherwise available or when workload exceeds capacity, which also greatly benefits the taxpaying public. Enterprise strives to deliver a ‘best value’ by consistently monitoring national and regional strategic objectives and the evolution of the Forest Service workforce composition to offer targeted, timely and cost-effective services in alignment with what is emerging on the agency’s horizon.

#### The program provides:

- Agency managers with a highly skilled workforce that is flexible in supplying on-demand services.
- A wide variety of services in the areas of Cultural Resources and Heritage, Recreation, Timber, Engineering, Technology, Communications, Biology, Range, Timber, Watershed, Forest Planning, Special Uses, and Fire, Fuels and Aviation Safety.
- Services to all levels of the agency from the field to the Washington Office

Vacancies announcements will open for applicants on **November 5, 2021 and close on November 12, 2021.** The selected applicants are expected to begin work between 4/10/2022 – 6/5/2022.

Interested applicants will need to apply to the opportunities through USA JOBS - [USAJOBS - The Federal Government's official employment site](#). Vacancy announcement numbers are included at the end of each position description.

## **About the positions:**

**GS-0462-3 Forestry Aid** Takes and or records basic measurements such as compass readings, distance measurements, tree heights, tree diameters, tree growth, and determines common species. Receives training on marking trees for cutting using tools such as Spiegel Relaskop, clinometer, compass, chain, diameter tape, increment borer, electronic field data recorder, etc. Marks selects and marks trees for harvest. Traverses boundaries of harvest units. Assists in cruising timber by taking and recording simple measurements and running compass lines in the field using compass and chain. Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species. May perform other resource work as required such as fire suppression as qualified, tree planting, etc. *Vacancy Announcement # [22-TEMP3-ENT-0015-3DT-NB](#)*

**GS-0462-4 Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation).** Incumbent selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and specific instruction. For 3-p sampling, estimates individual tree volume by established methods. Traverses harvest units, processes information and produces maps. Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground. Interprets Aerial Photos and locates ground features. For timber cruising, serves as tally person and may operate electronic field data recorders. Assists in the measure of limiting distances, tree diameter, tree height, estimation of defect and quality, and related fundamental timber cruising procedures. Timber cruising is done under the direct supervision of a qualified timber cruiser. *Vacancy Announcement # [22-TEMP3-ENT-2466-4DT-NB](#)*

**GS-0462-5 Forestry Technician.** Incumbent performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to natural resource management. Timber and Silviculture: Performs timber marking, cruising and scaling of forest products, site preparation, and timber land improvement projects. Collects, summarizes, and prepares requested timber data and maps concerning condition of the area. Examines sapling and larger stands to collect data on stocking, density, condition, insects, disease, site index, and ground vegetation. Follows silvicultural prescriptions to accomplish timber stand objectives. *Vacancy Announcement # [22-TEMP3-ENT-0006-5DT-NB](#)*

## **Working Conditions:**

**These positions often require extensive travel, working with a large, diverse groups of people and field work in rugged terrain.** Work is performed outdoors where terrain is steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with vegetation. Climate ranges from extremely dry to extremely wet and from hot to cold. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Work includes strenuous outdoor activity, such as walking, climbing, riding (ATV), backpacking, often in steep, rough terrain in isolated areas in a forest environment. The work may require the use of protective clothing and footwear. The employee will need to be prepared for work with field going clothes; boots, long pants, and long sleeved shirts. The incumbent must be flexible to changing situations. Enterprise Program emphasizes partnerships and the delivery of seamless customer service to their clients. The selected applicant(s) must maintain good working relationships with customers and other team members. Incumbent must be a fast learner and be able to understand and follow Forest Service policies and procedures. Priorities may change rapidly, depending on customer needs. While “enterprising” is demanding, it is also exciting. If you have high energy, hard drive and are seriously interested in being a part of improving the business we call “government” then this may be the job for you.

## **Typical Work Schedule for Required Travel:**

These positions typically work a 15-day field assignment followed by 6 days off. Employees will typically travel the first day and last day of the assignment beginning on a Wednesday and ending on a Wednesday, with 13 working days on the project between the two travel days.

## **Contact information:**

For more information about the duties of the Forestry Positions please contact Eric Scott, [eric.scott@usda.gov](mailto:eric.scott@usda.gov).

