

# ECOLOGICAL FORESTRY FIELDWORK IN MONTANA

## Summer 2025



**Description:** This position will assist a team of researchers and graduate students with multiple projects throughout the summer, with work concentrated in the Blackfoot Valley of western Montana. Duties include measuring forest vegetation responses to experimental forest treatments designed to promote wildlife habitat, forest structure and fuel measurements at Lubrecht Experimental Forest, and ecological field studies at various other sites. Duties may include deploying remote cameras for wildlife monitoring and data entry/analysis on the University of Montana campus in Missoula, Montana. This work can be remote and may require front-country camping (near a vehicle) for up to 12 days. This is a fantastic opportunity to spend time in the forest ecosystems of western Montana, build ecological knowledge and forest ecology field skills, and contribute to unique long-term studies.

Up to four positions are available.

**Duration:** Mid-May through late August 2026. Start and end dates are negotiable based on candidate availability. The general work schedule is four 10-hour days per week with flexible sequencing and scheduling to accommodate logistics associated with working in remote locations.

**Pay:** \$17.00–\$21.00 per hour depending on experience.

**Required qualifications:** Ability to work safely in challenging environments and follow protocols.

Candidates must demonstrate willingness and ability to work long days in the field, capacity to solve problems, and ability to work independently and in teams. Strong communication skills and the ability to get along with others are essential. Must be comfortable working in all weather conditions and in areas with no cell phone or internet service for extended periods of time. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

**Desired qualifications:** Experience with forest vegetation measurement and off-trail navigation and travel. Motivated applicants will be considered regardless of ecological and forestry fieldwork experience. On job training will be provided to the level needed.

**Apply:** To apply, send a single PDF file containing: 1) a cover letter (1 page) detailing how you meet the qualifications and why you would like to join our team, which must include a statement of your availability and any planned mid-summer absences; 2) CV/resume; and 3) e-mail address and phone number for three references to [a.larson@umontana.edu](mailto:a.larson@umontana.edu). Include the phrase "Field tech application" in the email subject line. Address your application to Andrew J. Larson.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Our goal is to have all positions filled by mid/late February.