



OUTREACH NOTICE

Pringle Falls Experimental Forest
La Pine, Oregon

Biological Science Technician (Plants) Temp GS-0404-7 Spring/Summer 2020

The PNW Research Station is seeking to hire an exceptional employee as a temporary seasonal, full-time GS-0404-07 Biological Science Technician with an emphasis in Plants. This position will be located at the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest, within the Deschutes National Forest near La Pine, Oregon. This position will serve as a crew leader for a group of 3 to 5 seasonal employees engaged in forest vegetation and downed wood monitoring projects in support of a 2,500-ac forest restoration experiment. The Lookout Mountain Thinning and Fuels Reduction Study was established between 2011 and 2015 and is undergoing long-term ecological monitoring by a multi-disciplinary cadre of research scientists. This position is focused on the second post-treatment assessment of forest tree and understory vegetation composition, abundance and structure.

The incumbent:

- With training and project direction provided by Station Research Scientists, the incumbent serves as the primary day-to-day leader for small crews conducting field work; requiring the incumbent to work with a high degree of day-to-day independence;
- Maintains situational safety awareness, conducts work using safe practices and is prepared to respond to emergencies if they arise;
- Has demonstrated knowledge and practical experience working multiple seasons as a crew member or a crew leader engaged in activities related to forest mensuration, vegetation and downed wood sampling; direct experience in the identification of forest plant species common to central Oregon or the Pacific Northwest is strongly advantageous.

Principal activities will consist of applying existing measurement and assessment protocols to collect tree, downed wood and understory vegetation data across a network of permanent sample plots used to characterize vegetation dynamics associated with 5 different experimental restoration treatments in a mature ponderosa pine forest. Data will be collected using hand-held data loggers with the employees responsible for complying with data handling and management protocols to ensure data completeness, accuracy and security.

All activities will be conducted in a team environment based on values of interdependence, inclusivity and mutual respect. Day-to-day assignment and oversight will be provided by the GS-7 Crew Leader; overarching guidance and direction will be provided by an off-site Research Scientist.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this detail. The actual position vacancy announcement is likely to be posted on USAJobs website (www.usajobs.gov) in the very near future (mid-to-late January, 2020).

Interested applicants must complete the attached form and return to Paul Anderson at



paul.anderson@usda.gov by January 15, 2020. Those desiring further information about the position may inquire via the email listed above.

About the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest:

Pringle Falls Experimental Forest is located about 10 miles east of La Pine, Oregon within the boundaries of the Deschutes National Forest. The forest is approximately 7,500 ac in size split among two units. The headquarters complex consists of historical buildings constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's and sits adjacent to the Deschutes River. Seasonal crews and scientists are accommodated on site in residential units with kitchen and laundry facilities. Cell phone reception is good although there is no on-site Wi-Fi service available.

About the Pacific Northwest Research Station:

PNW Research Station is one of seven research units in the USDA Forest Service. The USDA Forest Service conducts the most extensive and productive program of integrated forestry research in the world. The scientific information produced by the Station has application on public, private, and tribal lands in the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Oregon and Washington) and elsewhere in the United States and other parts of the world. The Station's programs reflect the changing character of the questions that science is being asked to help answer.

PNW Research Station has approximately 300 permanent and temporary employees in professional, administrative, research, technical, and clerical positions. There are six Program Managers that oversee program organizations, and nine laboratories which provide research. The laboratories are located in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Further information is available upon request.

*To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens.
Thank you for your interest in this position*

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Outreach Interest

Biological Science Technician GS-0404-07

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes No

If Yes:

Name of your Agency & Location: _____

Current title/series/grade: _____

Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

If No:

Current Employer: _____

Current Position Title & Salary: _____

Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

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

- Former Peace Corps
- Person with Disabilities
- Student Employment Program
- Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Readjustment
- Reinstatement Eligibility
- Other

Thank-you for your interest in the position!