



## OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA Forest Service  
Pacific Northwest Research Station (PNWRS)  
Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Data Collection Team

**Biological Scientist GS-0401-07/09 Crew Leader PSE**

**Twisp, WA**  
**Colville, WA**  
**Spokane, WA**

**PLEASE REPLY by July 12th**

This outreach is being used to solicit interest in a potential Biological Scientist-crew leader vacancy in eastern WA. **Outreach response will help us to determine a duty station location that has the greatest interest. Depending on outreach response, these positions may be filled non-competitively. To be considered, all respondents MUST include a resume.**

### **About the position:**

The PNWRS 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 the data collection team is located in Portland, Oregon and field crews are remotely stationed throughout Washington, Oregon and California. Crew leaders work under the direction of a state coordinator and lead a two to four person field crew.

These positions will support sampling field plots located on a systematic grid across all land ownerships 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. The areas sampled for the Forest Inventory by the PNW Research Station cover a diversity of ecological communities.

Crews will use maps, aerial photos, and GPS units to navigate to permanent plot locations. Crews use portable, handheld computers to collect data in the field and then process the data later using laptop computers to address data inconsistencies, anomalies, or errors.

The field-season typically runs from early March through late November. Each crew travels frequently and independently within their duty station area. Data collection field staff can expect to be in travel status anywhere from 40-80% of the field season. Duration of single trips range from a few days to upwards of a month in less common situations. Lodging while traveling is generally in motel/hotels but car camping and backpacking will be required.



In all areas, work conditions are often arduous. 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 is required. Crew members must carry a 45lb pack daily, with pack weights sometimes exceeding 60lbs. Exposure to hazards such as poisonous plants, wildlife, and stinging/biting insects is common. Additionally, travel by helicopter, stock animal, or boat is occasionally required.

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You can visit the PNW-FIA program team website for more information about the program:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/pnw/program/rma/>

For more information about the duties and work conditions of this positions, please contact:

PNW-FIA program coordinators at [Sm.fs.pnw\\_fia\\_jobs@usda.gov](mailto:Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov), or 620 SW Main St, Ste. 502 Portland, OR 97205.

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### **Duty Station information:**

Work area boundaries may fluctuate based on annual workload. Travel outside the assigned work area may be required to assist other field crews meet program objectives. Work sites include forest on industry, private, tribal, state and federal lands. Field staff must be comfortable with remote work environments and off-trail hiking. The dramatic landscapes (though beautiful) can make access challenging. Long workdays and long drives are unavoidable.

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### **IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...**

- Please use the attached response form to express your interest.
- **Include a resume tailored for this opportunity to be considered for this position without competition**
- Send your response electronically to: [Sm.fs.pnw\\_fia\\_jobs@usda.gov](mailto:Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov) (subject line “**CREW LEADER**”)

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**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

Biological Scientist Crew Leader GS-0401-07/09

**Forest Inventory and Analysis Data Collection Team**

PNW Research Station, Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program

Please complete this form and submit to [Sm.fs.pnw\\_fia\\_jobs@usda.gov](mailto:Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov)  
use the subject line **“CREW LEADER”**

**To be considered for this position without competition also include your tailored resume**  
**PLEASE REPLY by July 12th, 2022**

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 or non-competitive hiring 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"/> Lateral transfer or reassignment        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                    |

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

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

- INTERESTED IN ALL
- Twisp, WA
- Colville, WA
- Spokane, WA