



U.S. Department of Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Trust Services  
Division of Forestry and Wildland  
Fire Management

Branch of Forestry  
2021 4th Ave N,  
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## OUTREACH NOTICE PERMANENT POSITION

**Vlo dgt 'Vgco 'Forester  
GS-0460-05/07/09**

**Apply By: September 9, 2022**

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**This position is open to:** The Public, Native Americans, Federal Employees and Veterans

### **About this position:**

This position is located in the Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management, Office of Trust Services with the duty station located in Billings, MT.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Central Office, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management is advertising five permanent, full-time Forester positions based in Billings, MT. These positions are non-supervisory, and the full performance level of these positions is GS-09. Employees are required to operate a government-owned or leased motor vehicle in the performance of duties and are expected to travel up to 75% of the calendar year for this position.

### **Timber Strike Team Mission:**

Create a motivated, proactive team that takes pride in fostering a professional organization that adheres to a high level of service, integrity, and respect. An essential role of the Timber Strike Team (TST) is to provide training opportunities for our team members and for the BIA as a whole. Our priority is to assist Agencies within the BIA across the nation with their timber sale program.

### **Duties of this position include:**

The incumbent of this position is responsible for performing functions relating to all aspects of forestry program administration including forest management inventory and planning, forest product sale preparation, forest product sale administration, forest protection, and forest development.

**Specific duties:**

Performs field reconnaissance to identify forest stands needing treatment, determine harvest feasibility, and recommend appropriate logging system options.

Designs timber sale layout including logging and transportation plans. Determines stand-level silvicultural treatments and timber marking guidelines. Identifies potentially important environmental issues or concerns.

Designs and conducts timber cruises to estimate volume and grade of merchantable timber to be harvested. Compiles and stores field data into databases. Processes and summarizes cruise data using computer-based software applications.

Assists agencies with GIS cover type mapping projects using ArcPro technology. Utilizes GIS to create timber sale area maps, CFI/Stand Exam maps, and timber cruising maps with randomized plot allocations.

Prepares Forest Officer's Report that contains all pertinent information about the proposed sale including the project narrative, logging unit maps, cruise summary, appraisal, environmental assessment, required use permits, sample contract, advertisement, and prospectus. Assists in advertised sale bidding process and timber contract award.

Monitors management units to detect potential damage and loss to forest resources from insects or disease. Conducts field reconnaissance or aerial detection surveys, reports findings and management recommendations, and implements prevention or suppression projects.

Develops forest development plan to identify program goals and objectives and maintain current inventory of acres planned for silvicultural treatments.

Performs field reconnaissance and stand examinations to determine current forest stand conditions and identify forest development activities to improve productivity of commercial forest land.

Analyzes stand exam data and recommends appropriate silvicultural treatments such as reforestation and commercial forest stand improvement (thinning, pruning, and fertilization).

Prepares commercial service contracts for projects as required. Conducts field inspections, monitors progress and performance of project work and prepares accomplishments reports.

Conducts surveys to evaluate the success of silvicultural treatments and monitors treatments over time.

**About Billings:** The position is located in Billings, MT which is affectionately called the Magic City. The Billings metropolitan area has a total population of approximately 109,705 people. It offers the amenities of a mid to large city and yet is often described as having the feel of a small town. Billings is a thriving, full-service city with ample housing, medical facilities, educational institutions, and shopping. Billings is known for its outdoor recreation, breweries, and cultural activities. When you want to get away to the great outdoors, you are always close to the Yellowstone River and the Beartooth Mountains.

Billings hosts a variety of conventions, concerts, sporting events, and cultural activities. Other attractions include the ZooMontana, Yellowstone Art Museum, Pompey's Pillar National Monument, Pictograph Cave, Chief Plenty Coups State Park, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Red Lodge Mountain Resort, and the Beartooth Highway.

In Billings, the summers are short, hot, dry, and mostly clear and the winters are freezing, snowy, windy, and partly cloudy. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 20°F to 90°F and is rarely below -2°F or above 98°F. The hot season last for 2.9 months from June 14 to September 10, with an average daily high temperature above 79°F. The hottest month of the year in Billings is July, with an average high of 89°F and low of 62°F. Summer and fall months are perfect for boating, fly fishing, hiking, and hunting while winter months are great for ice fishing, snowshoeing, and skiing at one of the many ski lodges in the area with the closest being Red Lodge, MT.

**For more information or questions related to this position:** Contact Philip "Ryan" Frandino at [philip.frandino@bia.gov](mailto:philip.frandino@bia.gov) or (406) 679-1893 and (843) 412-3749