



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 PFT/PSE

PFT-San Bernardino, CA

PSE (18/8)-Chico, CA

PSE (18/8)-Grants Pass, OR

PSE (18/8)-Olympia, WA

PLEASE REPLY by January 4th

This outreach is being used to solicit interest in current Biological Scientist-crew leader vacancies in PNWRS.

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.

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.

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.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

- Please use the attached response form to express your interest.
- Send your response electronically to: Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov (subject line “**CREW LEADER**”)

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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PNW Research Station, Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program



Please complete this form and submit to Sm.fs.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov
use the subject line **“CREW LEADER”**

PLEASE REPLY by January 4th, 2023

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):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INTERESTED IN ALL | <input type="checkbox"/> Portland, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Shasta, CA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olympia, WA | <input type="checkbox"/> Eugene, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Redding, CA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cle Elum, WA | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants Pass, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Chico, CA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedro-Woolley, WA | <input type="checkbox"/> La Grande, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada City, CA |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Bend, OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammoth Lakes, CA |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino, CA |

Where did you hear about these job opportunities?

- Agency Employee/Outreach Email
- Agency Website
- University/College Jobs Board or Email
- Other: _____