**USDA Forest Service, R2 Rocky Mountain Region**

**Shoshone National Forest, Washakie and Wind River Ranger Districts | Lander or Dubois, WY**

**Silviculture Forester, GS-460-05/07/09**

The South Zone of the Shoshone National Forest is outreaching a permanent, full-time opportunity for a Silviculture Forester, GS-0460-05/07/09. The position will be part of the South Zone timber shop and will be located at either the Washakie Ranger District Office in Lander, WY or the Wind River Ranger District Office in Dubois, WY. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Please complete and return the Outreach Notice Form by **April 9, 2023.** The vacancy is part of a Group Vacancy Announcement that will be posted on the USAJOBS website: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The USAJOBS Announcement Number will be provided to respondents and updated within the Employment Outreach Database when it becomes available.

The anticipated advertisement date for this position is **April 10, 2023.** To be considered for this position, interested applicants must select either **Lander, Wyoming or Dubois, Wyoming** as their preferred duty location.

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**Description of Major Duties:**

**GS-0460-05:**

This position requires a highly motivated and well-organized individual with a desire to become a certified silviculturist. Work duties and responsibilities at the trainee level are designed to familiarize the individual with basic silvicultural methods and practices. The individual will assist the zone silviculturist with a variety of tasks including but not limited to:

* Preparation and administration of silviculture service contracts (tree planting, cone collection, stand improvement, and stand exam). The individual will become a level I COR (Contracting Officer Representative).
* Manage the reforestation program. This includes preparing annual stocking and plantation survival surveys, administering tree planting and/or cone collection contracts, and planning future reforestation-related activities.
* Coordinate with fuels management personnel to prepare and administer vegetation management service contracts.
* Collect stand information using a variety of vegetation sampling methods and protocols (stocking surveys, plantation survival surveys, and stand exams, etc.).
* Prepare and update trust fund plans for timber sale contracts.
* Prepare map products using ArcMap, ArcPro, and/or ArcGIS Online.
* Document annual vegetation accomplishments in the FACTS (Forest Activity Tracking System) database.

**GS-0460-07:**

Work duties and responsibilities at the advanced trainee level are designed to build on the basic silvicultural knowledge acquired at the trainee level. The individual will take on additional responsiblities and will continue to assist the zone silviculturist with the duties and tasks listed above. Additionally, the individual will:

* Become a level II COR and may independently administer silvicultural service contracts.
* Become proficient with ArcPro and ArcGIS Online programs and coordinate with other resource specialists as needed to share spatial information in a productive and efficient manner.
* Become proficient with FSVeg, a program designed to track current stand conditions on lands managed by the Forest Service.
* Participate in the environmental analysis of vegetation management projects.

**GS-0460-09:**

The incumbent serves as a silviculturist with primary responsibility for developing, planning, and applying silvicultural methods and practices. The incumbent must be a certified Silviculturist upon placement in this position or attain certification within three years of that date. At this level, the individual may assume primary responsibility for any of the duties and tasks listed above and will continue to assist the zone silviculturist with these responsibilities as needed. Additionally, the individual will:

* Attend and complete NASP (National Advanced Silviculture Program).
* Complete all requirements necessary for attaining silvicultural certification.
* Develop prescriptions for vegetation management.
* Participate in the environmental analysis of vegetation management projects and draft environmental documents.

**Shoshone National Forest**

The Shoshone National Forest is America’s first National Forest and was set aside as part of the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve in 1891. The Shoshone is an integral part of the 10-million-acre Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, which includes five National Forests and two National Parks: Yellowstone and Grand Teton. The Shoshone is 2,470,430 acres of varied terrain from sagebrush flats to rugged mountain peaks including Wyoming’s highest peak, Gannett Peak, at 13,804 feet. With five congressionally designated wilderness areas, over half of the Shoshone is Wilderness. The Shoshone stretches from the Montana state line to South Pass, which is located south of Lander, Wyoming, and includes portions of the Absaroka, Wind River, and Beartooth mountain ranges. Yellowstone National Park and the crest of the Continental Divide make up the western boundary of the Shoshone.

The Shoshone National Forest consists of five Ranger Districts:

* The Clarks Fork, Wapiti, and Greybull Ranger Districts are consolidated into the North Zone, which is in Cody, Wyoming
* The Wind River Ranger District is in Dubois, Wyoming, and
* The Washakie Ranger District is in Lander, Wyoming

For more information and photos of the forest follow this link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone/>

**About Lander:** Lander is located in the foothills of the southern Wind River mountains in northwest Wyoming. At an elevation of 5,357 feet, Lander is flanked on the west by the spectacular Wind River Mountains and on the east by the hills and wide open plains that typify Wyoming. The district contains the beautiful Cirque of the Towers at the crest of the Continental Divide in the Popo Agie Wilderness. At the southern end of the district are the historic mining towns of South Pass City and Atlantic City. In addition, the South Pass area is historically significant as the confluence of numerous historic trails (Oregon Trail, Mormon Trail, Pony Express etc.).

Lander's economy is based primarily on tourism, recreation, and agriculture throughout the year. During the summer you can enjoy excellent fishing, backpacking, horseback riding and sightseeing opportunities. Autumn brings big game hunting, and the coming of snow opens the backcountry to cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. There are numerous motels, restaurants, and full service banks in the Lander area. The larger community of Riverton is 24 miles away and is home to the Central Wyoming Community College, a super Wal-Mart, and numerous other stores, restaurants, and service opportunities.

The Lander calendar is filled with special events throughout the year. Typical summer events include: the International Climber’s Festival, the Brew Festival, the Chokecherry festival, Native Amercian events, 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, the One-Shot Antelope hunt and the Farmer’s Market. The Lander Parks and Recreation Department maintains a very busy schedule of activities for kids and adults as well as organized leagues that range from volleyball to hockey. Central Wyoming Community College provides fall and spring opportunities to take a variety of interesting subjects. The Catholic Wyoming College is also based out of Lander.

For a smaller community (population 7,551), Lander has a surprising variety of activities. Lander offers everything you need. There are 4 full service banks, two grocery stores, a movie theater, a handful of coffee houses, and several excellent restaurants. Nearest commercial airports are in Jackson, Riverton, and Casper at 160, 24, and 146 miles away, respectively. The community offers one high school, one junior high, and four elementary schools. A bi-weekly paper (Wednesday and Sunday), the Lander Journal, will keep you posted on local events. For routine or emergency medical services there is the Lander Medical Clinic and Lander Valley Medical Center. Frontier Ambulance Service provides emergency care and transportation to care facilities throughout Fremont County. Housing choices may be limited. Renting options generally average $650-$1,500.00 per month. Houses typically average between $115,000 - $295,000.

Winter recreational activities in the Lander area are numerous. The South Pass area offers access to the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail, a maintained cross country ski trail. The area also provides access to unlimited first-class snowshowing opportunities. Lander is approximately 2.5 hours from Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Wildlife watching and photography are favorite activities from late November through April as herds of antelope, bighorn sheep, elk, and deer winter in the area. Moose are not an uncommon site.

For more information contact the Lander Chamber of Commerce at: <http://www.landerchamber.org>

**About Dubois:** Dubois is located in the valley of the Wind River in northwest Wyoming. At an elevation of 7,000 feet, it is flanked on the south and west by the towering granite peaks of the Wind River Range, and on the north by the rugged volcanic Absaroka Mountains. Two historic routes across the Continental Divide, Togwotee Pass at 9,544 feet, and Union Pass at 9,210 feet, are accessible from Dubois. Union Pass is so named because it unites the Atlantic and Pacific watersheds. The Wind River District, which includes the Washakie and Fitzpatrick Wilderness areas, curves around three sides of the upper Wind River Valley.

The economy in Dubois is based primarily on tourism and recreation throughout the year. During the summer you can enjoy excellent fishing, backpacking, horseback riding and sightseeing opportunities. Autumn brings big game hunting, and the coming of snow opens the backcountry to cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. There are numerous motels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants, a full service bank and several guest ranches in the upper Wind River Valley.

The Dubois calendar is filled with special events throughout the year. During the summer there are weekly rodeos, the annual Fireman's Buffalo Barbeque, the National Day of the Cowboy, the Wind River Valley Artists Guild annual judged exhibit, and other hometown events between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The annual Bighorn Sheep Center fundraising banquet is also a big part of the social scene in the fall.

For a small community (population 893), Dubois has a surprising variety of activities. The National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center located in the center of town features information and exhibits about one of the largest herds of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep in North America. Next door is the Dubois Museum with a marvelous selection of artifacts and information about the natural and human history of the Upper Wind River Valley. Also part of the Headwaters Complex is the Headwaters Community Arts & Conference Center with many local events. Throughout the year, art exhibits and concerts are scheduled by this very active Guild. The town park is located behind the museum and next to the Wind River. The tennis courts and picnic areas there are open to the public. About a mile from this area golf enthusiasts can test their skill at the Antelope Hills Golf course, a nine-hole course tucked in a corner of the colorful badlands.

Winter time activities are just as numerous. The Togwotee Pass area is a mecca for snowmobilers from all over the country. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are just an hour away and also provide for a variety of sledding, skiing and ice-fishing opportunities. Wildlife watching and photography are favorite activities from late November through April as herds of bighorn sheep, elk and deer winter in the area.

The community offers a K-12 school. The school system is excellent for its size. Students score in the upper one quarter of the nation in standard tests.

Commercial airports are 75 miles away in either Jackson or Riverton. A weekly paper, the Dubois Frontier, will keep you posted on local events. For routine or emergency medical services, the Dubois Medical Clinic is staffed by physician assistants and a doctor. Ambulance and life flight emergency medical services are availble for transport to Jackson, Lander, or Riverton. Housing choices are limited. Rent can range from $700 - $1,400+ per month and are not plentiful in supply. Housing prices are generally above $185,000.00.

Many civic organizations thrive and actively contribute to the quality of life, including Kiwanis, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Auxiliary, Boys and Girls Club, Boys and Girls Scouts, and 4-H, among several others.

Dubois is proud of its heritage as a frontier town. There are still local ranches which drive cattle to and from the summer range in the Wind River and Absaroka mountains. Hay fields in the valley are worked during the summer to produce winter feed.

For more information contact the Dubois Chamber of Commerce at: [www.duboiswyomingchamber.org](http://www.duboiswyomingchamber.org)

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