



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
Employment Outreach Notice**

**Forestry Technician (Research)
Temporary Seasonal (1039) PNW FIA Field Crew Member
GS-0462-05/06**

Pacific Northwest Research Station
Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program
Forest Inventory and Analysis

Please reply by: October 20th, 2023

The PNW Research Station may hire up to **19** temporary positions as field data collection Crew Members with the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program for the 2024 field season. Positions may be located in Washington, Oregon or California and will be filled based on changes in current workforce. Average wage is \$16-\$21/hour and dependent on location and grade.

2023 Satellite Duty Locations:

Chico	CA	Bend	OR	Cle Elum	WA
Fresno	CA	Eugene	OR	Olympia	WA
Mount Shasta	CA	Grants Pass	OR	Sedro-Woolley	WA
Nevada City	CA	La Grande	OR		
Redding	CA	Portland	OR		
San Bernardino	CA				

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

About the positions:

These are temporary positions (not to exceed 1039 hours), and the duration of work is expected to be ~6 months in length. Targeted start date is flexible from **April 7th, 2024 – June 2, 2024**, and the positions are likely to run through the end of October.

The positions are with the Data Collection Team of the PNW Research Station's Resource Monitoring and Assessment (RMA) Program, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) unit. The 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 this Data Collection team is located in Portland, Oregon and field crews are remotely stationed throughout Washington, Oregon and California.

These positions will support work sampling field plots located on a systematic grid across all landownerships 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.

Crew members work under the direction of a local crew leader and work alongside one to three people. Crews will use maps, aerial photos, and GPS units to navigate to permanent plot locations. Measurements taken by crews include tree/sapling/seedling data (species, diameter, height, defect, insect & disease, damage, etc.); understory vegetation (shrub, herb, grass species and percent cover, etc.); down woody material (line transects, litter depth, and fuels measurement, etc.);

and site index and site attributes (site tree selection, slope, aspect, topographic position, distance to water, etc.). Crews use portable, handheld computers to collect data in the field and then process the data later using laptop computers to address any inconsistencies or errors.

Each crew travels frequently and independently within their duty station area. Crews can expect to travel away from home for a significant portion of the field season (40-75% dependent on duty location). Travel will sometimes involve week-long trips while other times crews may need to spend a month away from home. During travel periods, crews will change locations about weekly. Lodging is generally in motel/hotels and car camping, with occasional backpacking required. Individuals will be reimbursed for incurred lodging expenses and travel per diem.

In all areas work conditions are arduous, requiring regular and recurring physical exertion. In many locations, workdays can exceed 10 hours and **frequent overtime may be required**. 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 are required. Crew Members must carry a 45lb pack daily, with pack weights sometimes exceeding 60lbs. Exposure to hazards such as poison oak, bears, and insects is common.

****Government Housing will NOT be available, however employees will be reimbursed lodging and travel per diem for locations outside their duty station****

Please see qualifications at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>

For more information:

Please visit our team's website, including an information page on how to join our team!

<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/rma/fia-topics/data-collection/>

For more information on the Urban FIA program, please visit:

<https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/program-features/urban/>

You can send your outreach response electronically to:

SM.FS.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov (please use the subject line "1039") or by regular mail to:

FIA Program Assistant
1220 SW 3rd Ave, Suite 1410
Portland, OR 97204

This is a pre-announcement only. Response to this outreach guarantees email notification when the positions are advertised. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management web site: www.usajobs.gov. The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish an appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the vacancy announcement (Region-wide, Service-wide, USDA-wide, Government-wide, and/or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make these determinations.

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To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens.



OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

GS-462-5/6 Forestry Technician

Forest Inventory and Analysis

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Pacific Northwest Research Station Resource Monitoring and Assessment Program

SUBMIT BY: October 20th, 2023



If you are interested in these positions please complete this form and email to:

SM.FS.pnw_fia_jobs@usda.gov using subject line "1039". Alternatively, submit by regular mail to: FIA Program Assistant, 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Suite 1410, Portland, OR 97204. These positions will be advertised on the OPM USAJobs website www.usajobs.gov.

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/FORREST/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?

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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"/> Other _____ |

More information on special authorities:

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

Where did you hear about these job opportunities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Employee/Outreach Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Society of American Foresters Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Eco Log Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media Post | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Jobs Board Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University/College Jobs Board or Email | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Job Board Website |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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

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

Thank you for your interest in job opportunities with the US Forest Service!