

**Employer: University of Idaho in partnership with U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station**

Wage: \$15.00-\$18.00 / hour (depending on experience)

Duration: Full-time; May 28 – August 20th, 2025

Work Schedule: (8) days on; (6) days off – workdays will be 10-hour shifts

Location: Remote locations across northern and central Idaho. Traveling and camping are required. Shared housing will be available at the USFS Priest River Research Station nearest Priest River, Idaho.

Job description: The selected candidate will be working for the University of Idaho in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Research Station. This project is funded by the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Health Protection (FHP) to survey and monitor the health of whitebark pine trees (*Pinus albicaulis*) and the spread/severity of white pine blister rust (caused by the fungal pathogen *Cronartium ribicola*). The selected candidate will be working in a team of 2-3 trained professionals surveying whitebark pine and whitebark pine habitat.

Basic duties include:

Hiking long distances (5-10 miles per day) in remote, rugged, mountainous terrain Carrying a backpack of up to 30lbs for duration of workday

Camping for up to 8 days at a time – camping gear will be provided upon request

Navigating to remote sites via 4WD vehicle and/or on-foot using GPS equipment - training and GPS equipment will be provided

Performing large and small tree surveys using a standard common stand exam protocol – training and survey equipment will be provided

Performing blister rust severity assessments - training and survey equipment will be provided  
eloping team with other various measurements including (but not limited to) botanical surveys, mountain pine beetle assessment, hemispherical photography - training and survey equipment will be provided

Driving 4WD vehicles for long-distances on rough, uneven terrain

Other tasks may be required to aid on-going research projects at the research station.

See Priest River Experimental Forest's webpage for more information:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ac01225230ea4a5facf11164e81b8a9d>

Candidate Requirements:

Must be eligible to work in the United States at time of hire Must be 18 years or older at time of hire

Interested in forest health and conservation

Experience in backcountry settings is preferred Ability to camp in remote areas for up to 8 consecutive days

Hike up to 10 miles per day off-trail on rugged, uneven, mountainous terrain

Carry pack of up to 30lbs for duration of workday

Ability to follow protocol instructions precisely and accurately

Must be willing to work effectively within a team

Willingness to uphold a good attitude, especially under irritable or stressful circumstances

Valid state driver's license Ability to safely drive 4WD vehicles in rugged terrain

If interested, please fill out this google form <https://forms.gle/DZVJzhMEgQXmm82g7> and contact Nicole Mutchler by email at [nmutchler@uidaho.edu](mailto:nmutchler@uidaho.edu) with a short introduction of yourself, your interest in the position, resume, and (3) professional references by March 15th, 2025.