Outreach Announcement for:

Forester (Timber Sale Preparation) GS-460-5/7/9
Permanent Seasonal 13/13.

This is an advance notice that the Helena National Forest will soon be recruiting to fill up to four permanent-seasonal Forester positions with the Northern Region Timber Strike Team located in Missoula, MT. This position is a permanent seasonal 13/13 appointment. Seasonal 13/13 appointments are described as appointments in which the incumbent is guaranteed full-time work for at least 13 pay periods and may be in a nonpay status for up to 13 pay periods of the year. This is a career ladder position that will be filled at either the GS-460-5, GS-460-7, or at the target grade of GS-460-9, depending on qualifications. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the positions.

Extensive travel is required for these positions. Employees can expect to be in travel status up to 100% of the time. Work Schedule is maxi-flex: consisting of various schedules including: 8, 10-hour days (Wednesday- Wednesday); 4, 10- hour days (Monday- Thursday); and/or up to 17, 10-hour days in a row to accommodate extended travel.
**Duties:**

Duties include assisting in the completion of timber sale preparation work throughout the United States. At the entry level GS5 these positions will serve as a crew member. At the GS7 level they will serve as crew leaders for a timber sale preparation crew. At the GS9 level the incumbents will serve as project leaders for various timber management projects. Opportunities abound for a diversity of experiences in these positions.

The incumbents will be responsible for assisting in the completion of all work related to timber sale preparation. This includes field reconnaissance, harvest unit layout, boundary painting, implementing silvicultural prescriptions, planning and implementation for logging systems, transportation planning, cruise planning and design, stand exams, quality control, oversight of field crews, and assembling timber sale packages. Incumbents will also be responsible for the use of software including Cruise Design, FS Cruiser, Cruise Processing, Terrasync, Arc GIS, Pathfinder Office, Two Trails, and Skyline Excel.

**Duty Station:** The duty station for these positions is Missoula, Montana. Extensive travel is required for these positions. Employees can expect to be in travel status up to 100% of the time. For information about Missoula, Montana visit: [http://www.missoulachamber.com/](http://www.missoulachamber.com/)

**How To Apply:**

- On-line applications for these positions are accepted through USA Jobs at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). There is a helpful tutorial on how to apply for Federal jobs on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY5Z_pFUK4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY5Z_pFUK4)
- Be sure to indicate Missoula, MT as the Duty Station.

**Qualification Requirements:** The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at: [http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm).

Interested applicants who respond to this outreach will be notified when the vacancy announcement posted to [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). All applications need to be submitted through the website at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

**For More Information:**

Contact Russ Walker at (406) 214-6077 or via email at rjwalker@fs.fed.us for more information regarding these positions.
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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a double clicking and selecting check or uncheck. Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

Position Title:  Forester – Timber Sale Preparation
Series/Grade:  GS 0460 5/7/9 PSE 13/13
Location:  HELENA NF, EASTSIDE ZONE TIMBER, REGION ONE TIMBER STRIKE TEAM, Missoula, MT.

Applicant Information

Name:  
E-Mail Address:  
Current Title, Series, Grade 
Current Organization/Location:  
Current Appointment:  □ Permanent □ Temporary □ Term □ Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

□ Reinstatement
□ Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
□ Veteran’s Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
□ Person With Disabilities
□ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
□ Other
□ Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public)

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

□ Series currently identified and classified
□ Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

□ Target grade level currently identified.
□ Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified

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I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

□ Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
□ NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity
□ Term Appointment

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:

Please send this completed form to rjwalker@fs.fed.us or fax to 406-329-1049.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.