



Rocky Mountain Research Station
USDA Forest Service
Missoula, MT

Open Date: March 19, 2014

Closing Date: March 28, 2014

OUTREACH NOTICE
Biological Science Technicians and Forestry
Technicians
Temporary Appointment

The Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS), Fire, Fuels, and Smoke Science Program will be advertising for **up to three – GS-0404-4 Biological Science Technicians, one – GS-0404-05 Biological Science Technician, up to three – GS-0404-06 Biological Science Technicians, and up to three – GS-0462-05 Forestry Technicians** under **TEMPORARY** appointments (not-to-exceed 13 months). These positions are part of a high performance team focused on research of wildland fuels and fire behavior.

DUTY STATION: This position will be located at the Fire Sciences Laboratory, Missoula, MT. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/> and the Fire, Fuels, and Smoke website at: <http://www.firelab.org/>

For additional information about Missoula, MT, please access the Missoula Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.missoulachamber.com/>

MAJOR DUTIES:

GS-0404-04 and GS-0404-05 – Bio Science Technicians – Primary duties include providing assistance to scientists and staff with laboratory and field research on fire spread fundamentals. This includes constructing research equipment and instrumentation, setting up experimental apparatus, installing instrumentation in experiments, repairing and maintaining equipment, operating a laser-engraver for purposes of building experimental fuel particles, operating digital

video cameras, and providing assistance. Employees are expected to demonstrate skills in teamwork and cooperation in conducting experimental research. Employees may expect primarily laboratory research with some opportunities to participate in outdoor field work.

GS-0404-06 Biological Science Technicians – Field work which includes sampling vegetation, fuels and trees for ecological restoration studies in whitebark pine; taking increment cores and measuring growth rates to assess responses to climate change.

GS-0462-05 – Forestry Technicians – Field work for measuring fuel characteristics of masticated fuelbeds in the field and in the lab; sampling vegetation and fuels to develop measuring guides.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0460 series that are covered by the U. S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Group Coverage Qualification Standards for Technical and Medical Support Positions and Individual Occupational Requirements Specialized Experience (for positions at GS-04 and above). The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for review at any federal personnel office or on the Internet at:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/gs-tech.asp>

Primary Contact: Karen Iverson
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If you are interested in this position, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice Form and send to rparsons@fs.fed.us by **March 28, 2014**

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If you are interested in any of these positions, please complete this form and send it by e-mail to kiverson@fs.fed.us. (Please include the series and grade you are interested in on the subject line of your message)

Please respond no later than **March 28, 2014**. The position will be advertised on the OPM USA Jobs website www.usajobs.opm.gov shortly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____	Date: _____
Address: _____ _____	Phone: _____ _____
	E-Mail: _____

Are you currently a Forest Service employee: YES ☐ NO ☐
Dates of Availability: _____ _____

Current title/series/grade/location/classification: _____

(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

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