

Job openings: 2 seasonal field technicians (forestry)

2 positions at the Fort Valley Experimental Forest

These positions will be hired through Northern Arizona University but supported by funds from the U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station [conditional upon final approved Station budget]. Employment will be full time and begin on or about May 12, 2014, and continue until approximately mid-August, 2014 (\$10/hour for 14 weeks). The work will occur primarily within driving distance of Flagstaff, AZ. Housing is not provided.

Qualifications:

The successful hire(s) must be extremely proficient in all phases of tree and stand measurement, including diameter, height and basal area measurements, tree coring, crown measurements, seedling counts, and soils measurements. The individual must be proficient in the use of Microsoft EXCEL and GPS equipment. As quality of data is essential, the individual must possess superb attention to detail. The individual may be required to drive U.S. Forest Service vehicles, so she/he must possess a valid driver's license, current automobile insurance and the ability to obtain a federal vehicle driving permit, including passing an online test.

The individual(s) will work on at least two projects:

- 1) A seedling survival study on Fort Valley Experimental Forest and Centennial Forest, where she/he will count seedlings, conduct diameter and crown measurements of overstory trees, measure depth of soil litter and duff, locate each plot spatially using commercial GPS equipment, enter data into spreadsheets and other unspecified duties; and
- 2) A provenance study of ponderosa pine plantings on Fort Valley Experimental Forest, where she/he will measure diameter, height, and crown dimensions of trees planted from across the entire range of ponderosa pine. The individual will also core trees and extract increment cores, help with mounting and sanding the cores and otherwise preparing them for scanning and measurement. The individual must be prepared to enter data into spreadsheets and other unspecified duties.

As other project opportunities become available, the individual may be assigned to them. The skills required will be similar to what is outlined above.

To apply, send a statement of interest and a resume to either Dr. Kristen M. Waring, Northern Arizona University, Kristen.waring@nau.edu or Dr. W. Keith Moser, U.S. Forest Service, Fort Valley Experimental Forest, wkmoser@fs.fed.us by April 15.