

OUTREACH NOTICE



Biological Science Technician (Plants) GS-0404-6/7

Region 1, Idaho Panhandle National Forest
St. Joe Ranger District

Duty station: St. Maries, Idaho

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of an upcoming opportunity for a permanent seasonal (guaranteed 26 weeks per year) Biological Science Technician (Plants) position on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. The position will be at the St. Joe Ranger District located in St. Maries, Idaho.

To express interest in this position, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and return it by December 1, 2014 to Lynette Myhre at lmyhre@fs.fed.us. For more information about these positions, please contact: Lynette Myhre at lmyhre@fs.fed.us or (208)245-6034.

About the Position:

We are looking for a motivated, self-starter to lead the District weed control program and assist with the range management program. This position will coordinate and implement day-to-day operations for weed prevention, control, monitoring, and reporting. This position will typically work from May through the end of October, and may camp overnight occasionally during the field season.

The duties of this position require the incumbent to obtain and maintain a State Herbicide Applicator's License. The incumbent must obtain the license within 120 days of the initial appointment to the position.

Primary roles and responsibilities include:

- Implementing a full range of integrated weed management techniques including biological, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and prevention.
- Conducting field surveys to identify, document, and map noxious weed infestations and treatment areas.
- Collecting and entering data
- Producing accurate maps using GIS and GPS technology.
- Ensuring that all safety requirements are followed during day to day operations.

- Operating a variety of field equipment such as UTVs, herbicide application equipment, GPS units, and cameras.
- Serving as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) on a variety of noxious weed control projects.
- Preparing and presenting noxious weed information and/or educational materials to employees, permittees, partners, contractors, volunteers, and the public to improve early detection of new weed infestations.
- Working within confined budgets to identify and obtain needed field equipment and supplies.
- Identifying bottlenecks and limiting factors to complete program of work.
- Supporting prescribed and wildland fire activities when available.

Vacancy Announcement:

This outreach notice is being released to let potential applicants know that the position will be filled via the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities: www.usajobs.gov. The vacancy announcement is not currently available. Monitor USA JOBS or use the contact information above for specifics.

Qualification Requirements:

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0404 series that are covered by the Technical positions standards. 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>.

The Duty Stations:

The duty station is St. Maries, Idaho. Additional information about the Ranger District and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/ipnf/>.

About St. Maries, Idaho:

St. Maries offers the best of a small town setting with necessary amenities and a host of extras. Located along the scenic St. Joe River, this town of approximately 2800 boasts an active community spirit and true enjoyment of the outdoors. More information can be found at <http://www.stmariesid.com/>.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho is an hour drive from St. Maries. It offers all the amenities of larger western cities. More information can be found at [Coeur d'Alene Visitors Bureau :: Home](#)

The major transportation corridors to St. Maries are State Highway 3 and State Highway 5. The Spokane International Airport [Spokane International Airport](#) is the main hub for air travel (an hour drive north and west from St. Maries).

Government housing may be available at the Avery Ranger Station (approximately 40 miles from St. Maries) or the Avery Work Center (approximately 47 miles from St. Maries). Many District employees live out of town in surrounding communities.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Biological Science Technician (Plants)

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St. Joe Ranger District at St. Maries, Idaho
Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Northern Region

NAME:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:	

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position (if additional space is needed, please attach below).

If you are not currently a permanent federal employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?	
People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Readjustment Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998	<input type="checkbox"/>
Former Peace Corps Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return your completed form via email to Lynette Myhre by December 1, 2014.

Email: lmyhre@fs.fed.us
Subject: Biological Science Technician (Plants) GS-0404-6/7