

# PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST



## Mt. Hough Ranger District

### ANNOUNCEMENT/OUTREACH NOTICE

#### Forestry Technician GS-0462-05 (Resource Crew Member)

Plumas National Forest  
Mt. Hough Ranger District  
Quincy, California

The Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest will shortly advertise the following position:

**One** position for Forestry Technician, GS-0462-05, Resource Crew Member

- This is one permanent seasonal position with 18 pay periods in pay status and potentially 8 pay periods in non-pay status located in Quincy, California.
- The tour of duty is expected to be mid-April through mid-December. The duty location will be Quincy, California.
- Basic hourly pay rate range is \$14.74/hr. to \$19.17/hr.

**Introductory Statement:** This position is established on a Forest Service unit (Mt. Hough RD, Plumas NF). The purpose of this position is to serve as a resource crew member in support of unit programs in timber, silviculture, recreation, fire, wildlife or range.

#### **Crew Member Work**

Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain. Analyzes complex fire circumstances, determines when additional forces are required, or determines when circumstances warrant withdrawal of crew to safe locations. Performs duties of a fully qualified feller, or saw repair technician, or certified 'long line' operator. May occasionally serve as a driver in the transport of crew. Responsible for loading and assessment of related fire suppression machinery such as fire engines, helicopters, etc. Completes manifests of equipment and personnel being transported to fire. May participate in the assessment and reporting of fuel beds and act as a burn boss during times of fuel reduction efforts.

## **Forest Recreation Support**

Assures recreation sites and areas with one or two major uses are operated and maintained in accordance with operation and maintenance plans. Schedules daily activities, establishes maintenance schedules, and inspects cleanup operations based on recreation operations, maintenance plans, and inventory/planning systems. Reports on conditions and use of sites and areas. Serves as inspector for recreation area cleanup and/or maintenance contracts.

Performs safety hazard analyses of public recreation use areas such as tests of drinking and swimming water and takes or recommends corrective action. Provides detailed information about recreation opportunities to visitors and explains USDA Forest Service rules and regulations. Provides information on resource management practices, regulations, and current conditions. Collects, compiles, and summarizes information for recreation data management systems.

## **Timber Sale Preparation Activities**

Independently applies silvicultural prescriptions, aerial photographs, maps, environmental analysis reports and marking guides to designate harvest timber in a variety of stand conditions. Traverses harvest unit boundaries, road locations, and determines area. Serves as a Qualified Timber Cruiser and performs routine timber cruising and sample surveys to determine the quantity of timber in a given area by species, type, and quality. Uses tools such as relaskop, diameter tape, compass, prism, clinometer, and power equipment in performing timber-related work.

## **Timber Stand Improvement**

Conducts on-site observation of contractor or agency crews engaged in timber stand improvement or reforestation efforts. Identifies the work to be done, and plans and carries out the procedural and technical tasks required to support activities. Reviews contracts for reforestation, timber thinning, fertilizing, stand exams, cone collection, site preparation, and animal damage control. Follows standard timber practices for planting, site preparation, and timber stand improvement. Observation assignments involve timber stands that are typically pure, and involve minimal silvicultural technical practices.

## **Wildlife Management**

Individually, or as a crewmember or leader, conducts established wildlife-related projects. Constructs or completes habitat projects such as watershed development, fencing, or clearing areas to establish more desirable food or cover habitat. Inventories habitat conditions, needs and population of wildlife; gathers and compiles data through a variety of methods; analyzes information, and prepares reports of findings with appropriate recommendations.

Assembles information for development of wildlife management plans and coordination of wildlife needs for environmental analysis reports.

## **Range Management**

Assists specialists in planning rangeland management support projects that are without clear precedents or guides. Incumbent checks range allotments to assess appropriate time to graze, compliance with management plans and operating instructions, number of livestock, herding procedures, salting, range improvement, maintenance, and the need for additional range improvements such as fences or water development. Inspects allotments before and after grazing for trespass stock and if found, gathers necessary brands, numbers, dates, and locations. Reports non-compliance or other management needs to the supervisor.

### **Area description:**

The Plumas is a transition Forest ranging from the Sierra Nevada Mountains in the south to the Cascades in the north, the Sacramento Valley uplands in the west to the Great Basin high desert in the east. Fuel types range from mixed conifer fuel type to high elevation Red Fir to eastside pine. Elevations range from 3000 feet to 8000 feet. The Plumas National Forest encompasses over a million acres of tree-covered mountains, filled with hundreds of high alpine lakes and thousands of miles of clear running streams. Within an easy half day or less drive are Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sacramento, Redding, Chico, Lake Shasta, Lassen Volcanic National Park, and a vast variety of activities and opportunities. Popular activities within Plumas County and the Plumas National Forest include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, boating and white water rafting, cross county skiing and snowmobiling. More information about the forest can be found on the Plumas

National Forest website:  
[www.r5.fs.fed.us/plumas/](http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/plumas/)

The Forest is currently implementing the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Pilot Project. This is a high profile, fast-paced vegetation management program. More information can be obtained from [www.fs.fed.us/r5/hfqlg/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/hfqlg/index.shtml).

### **Community Information:**

#### **Quincy, CA:**

The community of Quincy is the Plumas County seat and has a population of approximately 5,000. Quincy is located at an elevation of 3400 feet in a small mountain valley in the northeastern Sierra Nevada. Area vegetation is typically mixed conifer. Year-round county population is approximately 25,000. Local community services include: a hospital, a limited service airport, a public library, a theatre, a junior college, a high school, two public elementary schools, one private elementary school, a variety of churches, two supermarkets, a bowling alley, a public pool, a health club, and numerous restaurants and motels.

## **Greenville, CA:**

Greenville is located in Indian Valley within Plumas County. With only eight people per square mile and just one stoplight, Plumas County offers a rural, four seasons, and mountain retreat type of setting. Indian Valley, which includes the communities of Greenville, Taylorsville, Crescent Mills and Canyon Dam, is rich in beauty and history. Surrounded by a stunning mountain backdrop, the valley is dotted with ranches, old barns and grazing cattle. The most alluring aspect of this verdant meadow is its serenity. Greenville, the largest of the communities within Indian Valley, offers a full range of business and service establishments. It has an elementary and high school. It is about 30 miles from Quincy, the County Seat.

### **How to apply:**

The vacancy announcements will appear on the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS website:

[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

The process for applying will take place at the following website:

[www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html](http://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html)

If you have any further questions about this position or would like to be notified when the vacancy announcement is issued, please call or write to:

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39696 Highway 70  
Quincy, Ca. 95971  
(530)283-7654  
[jmailes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmailes@fs.fed.us)

If possible, please also send the completed attached interest form by November 24, 2009, via e-mail to [jmailes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmailes@fs.fed.us) or fax it to (530)283-1821 and we can contact you to keep you updated about the job announcement or status. We look forward to hearing from you!

# OUTREACH FORM

Please send the completed attached interest form by November 24, 2009, via e-mail to [jmailes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jmailes@fs.fed.us) or fax it to (530)283-1821

**PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST**  
Mt. Hough Ranger District, Quincy, CA  
**GS-0462-05**

Forestry Technician, Resource Crew Member

NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:  {USFS  {BLM  {OTHER

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE  
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

VETERANS READJUSTMENT

DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!