

**OUTREACH NOTICE
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
Helena, MT
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
Great Falls, MT**

**Forestry Technician / Forester (Culturist)
GS-0462-09 / 0460-09 (one position)
Permanent Full Time**

Outreach Notice valid through October 1, 2009

The Helena National Forest and the Lewis and Clark National Forest will be filling a permanent full time position for a Forestry Technician / Forester (Culturist). This position will provide support to the Helena National Forest and Lewis and Clark National Forest vegetation programs. This position may be located in Great Falls, MT or Helena, MT. Outreach responses will determine if position is advertised as a GS – 0462 - 9 or GS – 0460 – 9.

Outreach Response

Interested applicants should complete the attached form by October 1, 2009, and return to:

Tanya Murphy, Forest Silviculturist
Lewis and Clark National Forest
1101 15th St. N.
Great Falls, MT 59401

Amanda Milburn, Forest Silviculturist
Helena National Forest
2001 Poplar
Helena, MT 59601

Or email to: temurphy@fs.fed.us
Contact Tanya at (406) 791-7753

Or email to: amilburn@fs.fed.us
Contact Amanda at (406) 495-3928

Position: This position will serve as an assistant to the Forest Silviculturists on both the Helena and Lewis and Clark National Forests. The position would be responsible for tree improvement, reforestation, vegetation inventory, insect and disease, and timber stand improvement activities and would serve as an inspector and COR for reforestation, TSI, vegetation inventory, and forest health protection contracts. Knowledge of FACTS, FSveg, ArcGIS, and GPS would be beneficial.

Forests: The Helena National Forest is located in West-Central Montana and contains 975,088 acres. It straddles the Continental Divide and encompasses headwaters of both the Missouri and Columbia River systems. Elevations range from about 3,500 feet to over 9,000 feet. Vegetative cover varies from rolling grassland interspersed with timber patches at the lower elevations, solid timber on the steeper middle and upper slopes, to subalpine types or bare ridges in the high country. The Supervisor's Office is located in Helena, Montana, with district offices in Helena, Lincoln and Townsend. Additional Forest information can be found at: www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena.

The Lewis and Clark National Forest, encompassing about 1.8 million acres, is located in north-central Montana within the upper Missouri River system. The Forest offers a diversity of

environments ranging from open, rolling sage and grassland, to dense timbered mountain slope, to alpine meadows and parks. An abundance of wildlife can be found throughout these environments. Elevations range from about 3,500 feet to over 9,000 feet. The Lewis and Clark offers a variety of summer and winter recreation, as well as hunting and fishing opportunities. The Supervisor's Office is located in Great Falls, Montana, with district offices at White Sulphur Springs, Harlowton, Stanford, Belt Creek (Neihart), and Choteau. Additional Forest information can be found at: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark.

Great Falls - The Lewis and Clark National Forest's Supervisor's Office is located in Great Falls, the third largest city in Montana (approx. 59,000). Great Falls offers a full range of educational opportunities consisting of numerous public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, the University of Great Falls, Montana State University – Great Falls Campus (MSU-College of Technology, MSU-Northern, MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing), and the School for the Deaf and Blind. Medical services include Benefis's east and west campus hospitals, Great Falls Clinic, Hospice-Peace Hospice, Sletten Cancer Institute, and numerous private physicians and dental and health care professionals. The city also contains Malmstrom Air Force Base, several retirement homes and community living centers, and various cultural centers and recreational opportunities (CM Russell Museum, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Arts, Mansfield Center, Great Falls Symphony, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, First People's Buffalo Jump Interpretive Center, Giant Springs State Park, Great Falls Voyagers (baseball team), and Great Falls Ice-Plex, 2 municipal golf courses, 10 city parks, and a water park and public swimming pool). Two ski areas offer alpine skiing on the Forest: Teton Pass west of Great Falls and Showdown Winter Sports Area south of Neihart. Additional information about Great Falls, Montana, can be found at the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://www.greatfallschamber.org>.

Helena is the State's Capital and is located at the junction of I-15 and Highway 12 & 287. For those water enthusiasts, Helena is centrally located to many lakes and rivers. In addition to the many lakes and rivers, Helena is also home to the Great Divide ski area which offers many miles of downhill skiing. There are also many miles of groomed trails for those looking to cross-country ski or snowmobile. These activities are easily accessed and within a 30-minute drive from the city.

Additionally, Helena offers 25 city parks, three golf courses, 17 public tennis courts, and an array of other recreational choices. We are also located roughly half-way between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Cultural offerings throughout the year include events sponsored and co-sponsored by the Helena Symphony and Chorale, the Myrna Loy Center for Performing Arts, Holter Museum of Art, Montana Historical Society, the Lewis and Clark Public Library, the Archie Bray Foundation, Grandstreet Theatre, and the Montana Jazz Festival!!

Area residents have three hospitals serving the area. They include: St. Peter's Community Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital; and Shodair Children's Hospital (children's psychiatric and genetic services). This is in addition to the many private physicians and other health care professionals. There are also several retirement homes and community living centers serving the area.

The Helena area offers two high schools, three middle schools, and several elementary schools. The school district also offers many programs for students with special needs. Other educational offerings include private schools, and the Helena College of Technology, which is a component of the Montana University System and offers many programs in the technical arena as well as courses for transfer to a four-year college or university. Helena is also home to Carroll College, a four-year liberal arts college, which offers a number of bachelor's degrees and specializes in a widely-recognized pre-med program. Graduate degree courses through the University of Montana and Montana State University are also available. For additional information about Helena, MT, you can access the Helena Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://helenachamber.com/>

Climate: Residents in and around Great Falls and Helena enjoy all four seasons. Summer temperatures range from the high 70's to low 90's with some warmer days. Winter temperatures will range in the mid-teens to thirties with a few days below 0 each year. The average annual precipitation is 15 inches with the average annual snow being 59 inches. For gardeners, the average growing season is 140 days.

Housing: The standard cost of living in the Great Falls and Helena area is reasonable. If you are looking to purchase, the average home price will run between \$150,000-\$200,000 for a nice three bedroom home. A nice rental unit could also be found for \$700-1,100/month. There is no government housing available at this time.

Additional Information: For additional information about the position, please contact Tanya Murphy at (406) 791-7753 (temurphy@fs.fed.us) or Amanda Milburn at (406) 495-3928 (amilburn@fs.fed.us). Please complete the attached outreach response and e-mail to Tanya Murphy or Amanda Milburn by October 1, 2009.

Reply by:
10/1/2009

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Entries in check box fields are made by a double click in front of the box and selection of "checked." Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

Position Title: **Forestry Technician / Forester (Culturist)**
Series/Grade: **GS-0462-09 / 0460-09**
Location: **One position; Great Falls, MT or Helena, 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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

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

Please send this completed form to temurphy@fs.fed.us or amilburn@fs.fed.us
fax to (406) 731-5302 or (406) 449-5740.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.