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 USDA Forest Service
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 Gunnison Ranger District
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2011 Timber Seasonal Vacancies

The Gunnison Ranger District will be hiring 2-6 individuals for Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) positions for the 2011 field season which runs from May 9th through October. We can accommodate student schedules. For crew members, grade levels will be GS 3, 4, or 5; depending upon experience and/or education. Requirements for grade levels are as follows:

Grade Level	Specialized Experience Requirement ¹	and/or Education Requirement	Hourly Pay Rate
GS-03	6 Months	1 yr of study (6 semester hrs) ²	\$11.95
GS-04	12 Months	2 yrs of study (12 semester hrs) ²	\$13.41
GS-05	12 Months at the GS-04 level	4 yrs of study leading to a Bachelors Degree ³	\$15.00

¹ Examples of qualifying experience include:

- Forestry aid or technician work that can be related to Timber Stand Improvement.
- Engineering, range, or soil conservation technician work that involved the application of cultural, resource conservation, or land management practices on nonforest or ranch lands when combined with knowledge of forestry operation and equipment.
- Farming or ranching work that involved application of cultural and soil and water conservation practices, including safety and use of equipment, and that provided a basic understanding of land use.
- Forest or range fire control, prevention, or suppression work.
- **In order to be credited for specialized experience applicants must clearly show a link between the past experience and Timber Stand Improvement on both resume and application.**

² Qualifying education includes any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 3 semester hours in mathematics is creditable.

³ Bachelor's degree (a) with major study in forestry, range management, agriculture, or a subject-matter field directly related to the position, or (b) that included at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses such as those shown above for GS-04. No more than 6 semester hours in mathematics is creditable. Note that a biology degree without enough classes related to Forestry will not qualify.

All vacancies are for temporary (seasonal) positions on the Timber Stand Improvement Crew. These are field-going positions whose major duties include: conducting stand exams and regeneration surveys, collecting GPS data, cone collection, dwarf mistletoe sanitation, use of chainsaw for sanitation, release and weed, cone collection, and other project work will be required. There will be some limited cruising and marking of timber. The work week consists of ten hour days, Monday through Thursday. The duty station is Gunnison, Colorado. Expect to work in the woods every day and camp-out in remote locations all week for certain projects. Government housing is available on a first come, first served basis.

There are 2 ways to apply for these jobs.

1. The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

If you are (or will be) a degree seeking student who will be enrolled in at least a half-time course load at an accredited institution and have at least a 2.0 grade point average, you may be eligible for a student appointment. Student appointments have an abbreviated application process. If you believe you are eligible, please contact the Gunnison Ranger District for an application packet. You will need to provide an **official** transcript that shows you are a student in good standing, and a current resume (electronic forms are acceptable) that clearly shows specialized experience related to Timber Stand Improvement.

2. All Other Applicants via the internet

The Avue Central website at www.avuecentral.com is the primary avenue for applying to USDA Forest Service jobs. It is a lengthy process. Attached is a brief outline to help guide you through the process. It is critical that you apply to the correct announcement number.

For those with no experience, GS-03 vacancies will be filled through the Forestry Aid vacancy announcement OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT.

GS-4 and GS-5 vacancies will be filled using the Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) title/specialty.

GS-04 vacancies will be filled through the vacancy announcement OCRT-462-4-TSI-DT.

GS-05 vacancies will be filled through the announcement OCRT-462-5-TSI-DT.

Excluding STEP applications, if you apply to any other vacancy announcements such as Forestry Technician (Recreation), you will **NOT** be on our eligible applicant list and we will not be able to hire you.

All applications must be submitted by March 4, 2010.

Please direct questions to:

Peter Howard- Lead Forestry Technician: (970) 642-4436

Knox Frank- Forester: (970) 942-4440

Art Haines – Silviculturist: (970) 642-4423

Matt Etzenhouser – Supervisory Forester: (970) 642-4422

Instructions
Applying to Government Positions
USDA Forest Service
Gunnison Ranger District

www.avuecentral.com

If this is your first time applying using this website, you will need to click the red “Sign Up” button on the upper right hand side of the screen to establish your profile and user ID.

Then you will need to complete all of your “Career Portfolio”. Be as detailed as possible, there is no way for us to “assume” any experience or education that is not included. Fill out each screen, and click save at the bottom of each page. It is strongly recommended to attach a resume in the supporting documents section. In order to get credit for education, you must attach an official copy of your transcript.

“Apply for Jobs” or “Job Search”

In this window you can search for jobs by series, grade, title, agency and state. Using the search filters tab go to the bottom of the screen and search using announcement numbers enclosed in this outreach. ie. “OCRT-462-5-TSI-DT”

Under “Vacancy” it should read “Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement)” in bold letters, click on this to open up that vacancy. Pay close attention to the “Full Job Description” and “Qualifications” related to each specific job announcement. These are the criteria upon which Human Resources will rate you. *A smart applicant will tailor their application and resume to highlight how their experience coincides with these requirements.* In order to apply to the announcement, click on “Apply Now” on the right hand side of the page.

You should find that your personal profile information has been carried into this application; however, there is more information required. Fill out each screen. **Make sure you save at the bottom of each page.**

These announcements are generic for timber sale prep jobs throughout the entire country. In order to ensure that you are applying to the Gunnison Ranger District you **must** select the following in the “Applicant Information” menu:

1. Select Colorado from the map, and then select Gunnison from the list of cities
2. Time Limit => Temporary
3. Travel => 50% or more
4. Work Schedule => Full Time

Before you submit your application, double check that the announcement number reflects the appropriate grade you want to apply for and that your “Applicant Information” indicates a full time, temporary job in Gunnison, CO.

You should receive an email notification that your application has been submitted.

If you get stuck and need help, there is an avue help center you can email them at joeavue@avuetech.com. Otherwise you can try us in Gunnison.