



Work for the USFS Southern Sierra Ecology Program Next Summer!

The USDA Forest Service Southern Sierra Nevada Province Ecology Program is looking for two or three qualified field botanists and/or ecologists to work in central California for approximately 2 to 3 months (June 4 to August 17) during the summer of 2012. Salaries range from \$13.41 (GS-4) to \$15.00 (GS-5) per hour, depending on experience. Government housing may be available.



Job Description:

This summer we are looking for field assistants to work on several different ecological studies, including:

- 1) Conducting vegetation surveys in subalpine forests exposed to recent beetle mortality in the Inyo National Forest.
- 2) Evaluating fuel treatment effectiveness for reducing fire severity effects on vegetation in coniferous forests of the southern Sierra Nevada.
- 3) Monitoring post-fire regeneration, forest structure, and fuels in forests of the southern Sierra Nevada.

This is a great opportunity to develop botanical skills and participate in a wide range of ecological studies.

Qualifications:

We are looking for applicants who have strong skills in the following areas: plant identification, data collection, data entry, use of GPS, topographic map and compass navigation, and operating vehicles on rough roads. Applicants must be physically fit, able to hike approximately 5 to 10 or more miles per day over steep terrain, and willing to travel for extended periods and work under difficult field conditions. Field crews will camp in remote field locations. Preference will be given to energetic, motivated, and detail-oriented candidates with experience in botanical and ecological monitoring methods.

Minimum Requirements:

- **GS-4:** Minimum 2 years college with 12 semester hours of science/technical courses, or 6 months general experience plus 6 months specialized experience at a GS-3 level.
- **GS-5:** Bachelors degree or 1 year experience as a GS-4.
- Over 18 years of age, valid driver's license, and a U.S. Citizen.

This position will be based in Clovis, CA. Contact Marc Meyer, Southern Sierra Nevada Province Ecologist, phone: 530-297-0706 ext. 4929, email: mdmeyer@fs.fed.us for more information.

To Apply:

Apply using the automated Forest Service site AVUE: <https://www.avuecentral.com/>.

Additional information available at: <http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Job Titles: Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources), GS-0404-04/05

Announcement Numbers: OCRT-404-4-NATRES-DT (GS-4), OCRT-404-5-NATRES-DT (GS-5). Be sure to select Clovis, CA as a preferred location. **WE WILL BEGIN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS ON MARCH 23, 2012.**