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Summer Employment Opportunity
Come work among the redwoods!
Redwood Field Station (USGS) is currently recruiting for summer 2025 Biological Science Technician positions in Forest Ecology.

Pay: GG-4 or GG-5 (approximately $21/hour or $23/hour, depending on experience)

Location: Arcata, California

Positions are full-time, starting in mid-May, ending late August, with the potential for a longer season. We are hiring up to three positions.

Project duties:
• Collect field data for long term forest research projects in Redwood National and State Parks. Measure forest structure and tree growth in old-growth and second-growth forests. Other data collected includes fuels and understory vegetation surveys. Gain knowledge and experience in ecological research and vegetation identification.

• Operates a government motor vehicle.

• Opportunities to assist with data collection for other projects are available on an as-needed basis.

Qualifications: Must be a US Citizen to qualify.
Prefer people with an interest in fire, forest, and/or field ecology; a demonstrated interest and physical ability in working outdoors in challenging field conditions. Successful applicants should have strong interpersonal skills and enjoy working on small field teams.

HOW TO APPLY:
The vacancy announcements open on 12/02/2024 at 8am. DON'T APPLY BEFORE THAT DAY/TIME. Please read the announcements and follow the directions outlined below and in the announcement. **Note that there are 2 different announcements/grade levels, depending on your experience. Submit a separate application for each announcement/grade level that you want to be considered for.

Email application documents to werchr@usgs.gov, between 8am PST 12/02/2024 and 4pm PST 12/09/2024.

To be considered, please attach the following items to your email:
• Cover letter describing interests, qualifications, and contact information
• Resume – candidates must format their resumes correctly to be considered -
    o List the month, day, and year for the beginning and end of each position. (eg.

6/5/21-8/8/21)
o Include hours worked per week for every job or volunteer position. (eg. 40 hours/week)
o For all positions with any field or lab component, include detailed descriptions of field or lab duties and be clear that it was field and/or lab work. Include any volunteer experience/positions. Please do NOT eliminate details in your job descriptions to keep your resume to one page. Longer resumes are ok (2-5 pages)
o If you have field experience listed under a university or college, clearly annotate that the experience was or wasn't related to attaining your degree
• Unofficial transcripts showing degree major/minor and graduation date. If not yet graduated, include a full unofficial transcript so personnel can calculate classes.
• Provide email and/or phone numbers for at least 2 references (3 preferable)
• Put job announcement number in the email subject line for each application:
o 41-25-01 GG-04
o 41-25-02 GG-05

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS IN YOUR RESUME and APPLICATION PACKAGE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY. For further information on how to format your resume please go to
https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/faq/application/documents/resume/what-to-include/

For more information or assistance, contact **Phil van Mantgem**, e:mail at pvanmantgem@usgs.gov.

Qualifications: GG-Level Field Experience OR Work experience OR Education

GG-4: 6 months of field experience OR 2 years of sub-professional work experience OR 1 years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled (equivalent to 30 semester/45 quarter hours).

GG-5: 9 months of field experience OR 3 years of sub-professional work experience OR 3 years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled (equivalent to 90 semester/135 quarter hours) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience. Sub-professional experience consists of working as a technician or aid in the field or in a laboratory or similar environment.