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Forest Service Careers

Real Jobs, Real Impact

Are you ready to make a difference? Opportunities for growth and career advancement are limitless within the U.S. Forest Service. A career with the Forest Service is a chance to get inside the great outdoors and leave a lasting impact. Put your skills to work toward a career that matters!

The Forest Service offers exciting opportunities such as:

Wildland Firefighters

Wildland Firefighters are involved with wildland fire suppression/management/control working on an engine, helitack module, or hand crew with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of specialized tools or equipment. Other wildland fire related duties may involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning.

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Temporary Jobs

Positions range from archeology technician to visitor information assistant. Seasonal jobs help the Forest Service achieve our mission by contributing to forest health, resource protection and fire prevention and suppression.

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Foresters

Foresters work outdoors and are experts in managing growth of different types of trees and other vegetation. They are skilled in planting, removing or caring for trees, while considering how a forest may develop over long time frames. From planting seedlings to inspecting a contractor's work, foresters provide the technical and professional expertise for evaluating the health of our forests.



Recreation Technician

Recreation Technicians perform a variety of outdoor assignments, which allow the public to safely access and enjoy special places, such as trails, campgrounds, rivers and lakes. Common duties include clearing downed trees from hiking trails, cleaning campground facilities and providing information about recreational opportunities.

Rangeland Management Specialist

Rangeland Management Specialists manage range vegetation on National Forest lands for a variety of uses, including grazing by livestock and forage for wildlife. They also work closely with livestock producers while managing permits which allows grazing on National Forest lands. They also analyze ecosystem health and maintain diversity of plant and grass communities in grazing areas.



Wildlife Biologist

Wildlife Biologists evaluate and monitor forest projects, such as road work and trail enhancements, to develop recommendations that protect and conserve wildlife and their habitat. They are an essential part of the agency because they work with local, state, non-profit and federal partners to help restore habitats, assess population trends and meet conservation goals.

More Ways to Make an Impact

Our work at the Forest Service could not be accomplished without the thousands of employees who work indoors. The following careers support the agency in many different capacities:

Information Technology Specialist - keep the Forest Service operating in the advanced digital age. From cyber security to managing wireless internet connection, they provide support through technology that allows all employees to do their jobs in an office and out in the field.

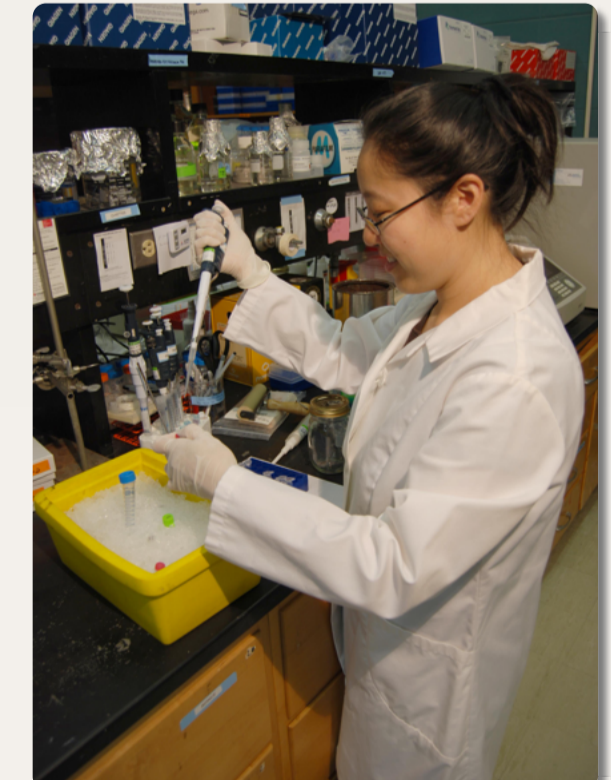
Purchasing Agent - are responsible for buying items and services for the Forest Service, including materials and supplies, special tools, plumbing and heating equipment, and maintenance services. Purchasing agents negotiate prices and assess fair market values.

Resource Assistant - help manage natural resources by tracking and accounting for the financial aspects of timber activities. They also interact with individuals and businesses regularly to sell and oversee special forest product permits, like Christmas tree, firewood and mushroom permits.

Visitor Information Assistant - greet everyone who enters a Forest Service office or visitor center and provide information about National Forests. They also sell products like maps, permits and recreation passes.

Make an Impact through Research

The Forest Service Research and Development unit is a leader in the scientific study of natural resources, keeping the Forest Service ahead on pressing issues such as climate change. These positions are critical in accomplishing the mission of the Forest Service.



Pathways for Students and Recent Grads

Our Pathways Programs provide paid employment opportunities with the Federal government for high school students, undergraduates, postgraduates, and recent graduates.

The **Pathways Internship Program** is designed to provide students with opportunities to explore Federal careers while they're still in school. Qualified students may be hired on a temporary basis for up to one year (NTE Intern) or for an indefinite period (Indefinite Intern).

The **Pathways Recent Graduate Program** is available to individuals who have completed their qualifying degree or certificate programs within the previous two years. Qualified veterans may have an extended application period due to military service.

The **Pathways Presidential Management Fellows Program** is for individuals who have completed an advanced degree within the past two years.

For more information on the Pathways Programs, you can read the [FAQs](#), check out the [Forest Service Pathways Programs brochure](#), or search for current Pathways jobs with the Forest Service on [USAJOBS.gov](#).

Eligibility Requirements

Pathways Intern candidates need to meet the qualification requirements consistent with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) qualification standards for the position being filled. In addition, the candidate must also meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Currently has and maintains at least an overall 2.9 GPA.
- Is a United States citizen.
- Additional information can be found on the [OPM Hiring Information - Students and Recent Graduates](#) website.

Faces of the Forest Service

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Upcoming Job Opportunities - Outreach Database

Use the [Forest Service Outreach Database](#) to search current opportunities and to find pre-announcements of possible upcoming job openings. Access the database to explore opportunities with the Forest Service and begin your journey.