



# Rocky Mountain Research Station USDA Forest Service

**Biological Science Technician (Plants) NTE  
GS-0404-05**

**Duty Station: Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Please Reply By February 25, 2013**

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## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

**RMRS is advertising for a Biological Science Technician (Plants) GS-0404-05 for its Albuquerque Forest Research Laboratory operations.** The incumbent in this temporary position serves as a technician (NTE) performing routine tasks that support ecological research on grassland and/or rangeland ecosystems. This position is with one of the Station's only New Mexico laboratories and the base for the Grassland, Shrubland and Desert Ecosystems (GSD) science program.

**DUTY STATION:** This position will be located in Albuquerque, NM. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/> and the Grassland, Shrubland, and Desert Ecosystems Program website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/grassland-shrubland-desert/>.

### **MAJOR DUTIES:**

The technician performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving grassland plant projects and program planning activities. Collects biological and vegetation specimens and samples and prepares them for laboratory analysis. Is responsible for the accumulation, coding, transcription and processing of information; edits and corrects records; and provides quality control of automatic data processing entries. Tabulates results and prepares graphs and charts according to instructions. Assists in the design of new plant projects. Aids in preparation of specimens for histological analyses and does routine technical analyses. Uses botanical key to identify plants encountered during field trips or surveys of grassland areas. Compiles and summarizes the vegetation types obtained from aerial and ground surveys including biological evaluations, and pilot tests conducted as part of the project. Manuscript preparation, remote sensing and GIS application, and weather data analysis.

This is a field-going position requiring extended periods of time at field sites on the Kiowa National Grassland in northeastern New Mexico. The work requires some physical exertion, such as long periods of standing, walking over rough, uneven or rocky surfaces, recurring bending, and crouching, stooping, reaching, or similar activities. Normal color and stereovision is essential for accurate recognition of discolored, injured vegetation.

For more information regarding duties for the position, please contact, Paulette Ford, at 505-724-3670 or [plford@fs.fed.us](mailto:plford@fs.fed.us).

**Primary Contact: Paulette Ford**  
**Phone Number:** 505-724-3670  
**E-mail address:** [plford@fs.fed.us](mailto:plford@fs.fed.us)

**If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice Form and send to ([plford@fs.fed.us](mailto:plford@fs.fed.us)) or fax to (505-724-3688) by February 25, 2013.**

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Albuquerque, NM

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Please respond no later than **February 25, 2013**.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Are you currently a Forest Service employee:</u></b>	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p><b><u>Current title/series/grade/location/classification:</u></b> (e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc.)</p> <p><b>Name and contact information of Immediate Supervisor.</b></p> <p><b>The length of time you would be interested in serving in this role.</b></p> <p><b>The timing of your availability to serve in this role if not immediately (for example you are interested but not available until September 1).</b></p> <p><b>A CV and brief write-up (1 or 2 paragraphs) describing your knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform as the Biological Science Technician (Plants).</b></p>
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