

Rocky Mountain Research Station

USDA Forest Service

Biological Science Laboratory Technician (Plants), GS-404-7

Moscow, Idaho

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**OUTREACH NOTICE**

This is a preliminary outreach announcement for a GS-404-7 Biological Science Laboratory Technician (Plants), Permanent Full-Time position with the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS) in Moscow, Idaho.

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION**: To be determined by response from this outreach.

**DUTY STATION:** This position will be located at the Moscow Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Moscow, Idaho. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/> and the Grassland, Shrubland and Desert Ecosystems Science Program at <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/research/programs/grassland-shrubland-desert/>

The duty station, Moscow, ID, is located in northern Idaho on the Washington/Idaho border adjacent to Pullman, WA. Moscow, with a population of 23,800 residents, hosts the University of Idaho. Just 7 miles west, Pullman, WA (population of 31,400) hosts Washington State University. Moscow is approximately 85 miles from Spokane, WA, which is the major regional city and airport. Moscow is 300 miles from Boise, ID. For additional information about Moscow, please access the Moscow Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.moscowchamber.com/>.

**MAJOR DUTIES:** Key functions of the position include, but are not limited to:

The technician is in the Grassland, Shrubland, and Desert Ecosystems Science Program at the Forestry Sciences Laboratory in Moscow, ID. Work in this research unit focuses on helping managers restore and sustain ecosystems. As a team member, the technician is responsible for activities that support research by two scientists in the laboratory, greenhouse, and field pertaining to native plant propagation and deployment on the landscape toward restoration of functional ecosystems. Under this broad umbrella, the scientists develop and carry out a series of interrelated research studies that examine native plant nursery cultural practices, seedling physiology, biophysical limitations of outplanting sites, mitigating climate change, and restoration techniques. This research improves an understanding of ecosystem restoration. The duties will require an ability to: contribute ideas toward, and coordinate the planning of, the sequence of technical aspects of the research; use a variety of specialized equipment; maintain, adjust, and calibrate automated greenhouse systems; work independently; collect, organize, maintain, and analyze data and detailed crop records; obtain license and apply chemicals; communicate effectively with a variety of collaborators; and work non-traditional hours or days.

For more information regarding duties for the position, please contact Dr. Jeremiah Pinto, Research Plant Physiologist, at 208.883.2352 or jpinto@fs.fed.us.

**If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the attached Outreach Notice From and send to jpinto@fs.fed.us) by 29 January 2016.**

**HOW TO APPLY**:

The vacancy announcements will appear on the Office of Personnel Management’s USAJOBS website: [http://www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/)

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**OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**

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Forestry Sciences Laboratory

Moscow, ID

**Biological Science Laboratory Technician (Plants)**

**GS-404-7**

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete this form and send it by e-mail to jpinto@fs.fed.us (Please include “***GS-404-7, Biological Science Laboratory Technician (Plants)***” on the subject line of your message.) Please respond no later than 29 January 2016. The permanent position will be advertised on the OPM USA Jobs website [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: **Date:**

**Address:       Phone:**

**Email:**

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| **Are you currently a Forest Service employee:** | YES |  | **NO** |  |

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| **Current title/series/grade/location/classification:** |  |

**(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)**

**Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position**:

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