The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station/USDA Forest Service, is recruiting for biological science technicians (natural resources) GS-0404-04, and GS-0404-05, to work in the Disturbance and Restoration Ecology (DARE) team. These temporary positions will not exceed 1,039 hours each, and will begin in May or June 2014.

These positions will be based at the station’s Forestry and Range Sciences Laboratory in La Grande, Oregon. The technicians will support interdisciplinary team research as it relates to fire and bark beetle mortality of conifers, and invasive plant and insect bio-control research and development.

The incumbents will assist research scientists in most phases of complex multi-disciplinary research projects concerning the ecology of native and exotic insects in Pacific Northwest conifer and hardwood forests, and the bio-control of invasive plant and insect species. Successful candidates will assume full technical and operational responsibility for study installation, data collection, and data entry and analysis. The work will require extensive travel throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The work requires extensive walking on rough terrain, climbing steep banks, and traversing ditches and furrows. The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry, to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. The work also requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats. Employees must always exercise safe work practices.

For more information or to receive notification of the announcement to the USAJOBS website please contact:

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ABOUT LA GRANDE:

Magnificent scenery, wildlife and waterfowl, historic sites, and outdoor adventure await you in La Grande. Nested between the Wallowa Mountains and the Blue Mountains, La Grande is located off of I-84 in the Grande Ronde Valley. As Union County's county seat, La Grande is a bustling and vibrant small town community.

Uncrowded camping, hiking, backpacking and nordic and alpine skiing are all available for visitors. La Grande is close to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This national forest is over 2 million acres in size and includes all or parts of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon, Monument Rock and North Fork John Day wilderness areas. There are 60 campgrounds, and more than 1,700 miles of trails. There are also opportunities for snowmobiling, mountain biking, camping, picnicking, swimming, boating and water skiing in the mountains, trails and lakes in the national forest. Fishermen can try catching some of the 13 species of fish, including trout, steelhead and salmon, in the many rivers and lakes. Or, try some hair-raising white water rafting on the Grande Ronde River.

Downtown La Grande has a pedestrian friendly shopping district. The tree lined streets enhance examples of turn of the century architecture. Eastern Oregon State University is just a ten minute walk from the shopping district. The university serves ten counties east of the Cascade Mountains in Oregon.

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Biological Science Technician, GS-0404-4/5
PNW Research Station/USDA Forest Service
Please Respond before March 28, 2014

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