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OUTREACH NOTICE

**Pacific Northwest Research Station
Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory
Seattle, WA**

**Research Biological Scientist
GS-0401-13/14**

Salary Range: \$89,061 to \$136,816 depending on qualifications

Please respond by August 17, 2015

The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station is seeking an exceptional employee for a permanent Research Biological Scientist position, GS-0401 grade 13/14, to lead the Fire and Environmental Research Applications (FERA) team. FERA is an interdisciplinary team of scientists and professionals with expertise in forestry, combustion physics, and ecology devoted to improved understanding of the effects of fire and associated biophysical phenomenon. The incumbent directs the FERA research program in fire science, and also conducts original research, integrated assessments, and model development to address science and management questions and issues for regional and national stakeholders within the scope of the FERA mission. The major objectives of the scientist's research involve measuring and modeling fuels, and measuring, modeling, and interpreting the effects of wildland fire on a wide range of processes and functions in ecosystems across the United States. In addition, the scientist leads or collaborates on issues related to wildfire, fire effects, and fuels management, thereby developing a foundation for science-based fire management and policy throughout the United States. The position is located at the Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory in Seattle, Washington.

We are looking for an individual who:

- Is familiar with the issues and challenges associated with conducting fire-related research
- Has experience managing a large, diverse research program
- Has strong strategic planning, project management, communication, and organizational skills
- Is a team player who works well with diverse groups of people to accomplish common goals

Specifically, the incumbent:

- Proposes and conducts original research and analysis in fuels, fire, climate change and/or ecological science individually and in collaboration with FERA scientists and other colleagues
- Develops models, tools, and other science products to support effective fire and fuel management
- Provides science leadership for national, station, and team fire research priorities on an annual and multi-year basis
- Directs projects funded by the National Fire Plan, Joint Fire Science Program, and others
- Plans, prioritizes and leads FERA's efforts to conduct high-quality research on a range of topics in fire, fuel, ecological, and climate change science
- Manages FERA personnel, administrative, and budget functions, including grants and agreements

Interested applicants should complete the attached form and return it, along with a copy of their resume, to Maureen Hyzer (mhyzer@fs.fed.us) by August 17, 2015. Those desiring further information about the position may inquire via the email address listed above.



About the Pacific Northwest Research Station and the Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Lab:

The PNW Research Station is one of seven research units in the USDA Forest Service. The Forest Service conducts the most extensive and productive program of integrated forestry research in the world. The scientific information produced by the station has application on public, private, and tribal lands in the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Oregon, and Washington) and elsewhere in the United States and other parts of the world. The station's programs reflect the changing character of the questions that science is being asked to help answer.

The PNW Research Station has approximately 300 permanent and temporary employees in professional, administrative, research, technical, and clerical positions. There are five program areas, and 11 laboratories that provide research in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. The Station also conducts research nationally and internationally in cooperation with other Forest Service work units, other government agencies, foreign governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and universities in many areas of research. The work activities of the Station attract considerable interest from Congress, special interest groups, and the public. The Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory is one of two national Forest Service fire laboratories, and is located in the Fremont neighborhood in Seattle, a short distance from the University of Washington.

About Seattle:

The City of Seattle is located on Elliot Bay in western Washington. Seattle is regional hub for commerce, technology, and the arts; is home to the University of Washington, one of the largest research universities in the country; and is served by a major international airport. Seattle is among the fastest growing large cities in the country with a population of approximately 652,000 in the city, and 3.6 million in the greater metropolitan area. The "Emerald City" offers a variety of cultural opportunities, from world-class museums and exciting sports teams to ready access to all manner of outdoor recreation. The natural beauty of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains provides the perfect backdrop for a modern city with a colorful history and a bright future. Seattle is a city of distinctive and varied neighborhoods, with something to offer for all of its residents. Although traffic can at times be difficult, the Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory is readily accessible by a robust bus network, and is located at the crossroads of several of Seattle's primary bicycle routes. Although it has a reputation for constant rain, Seattle weather is actually quite pleasant, with mild, moist winters, and warm and dry, but not hot summers. Whatever your preferences or interests, Seattle is a great place to live and work.

For more information about Seattle, Washington, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/living-in-seattle> and <http://www.visitseattle.org>.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position.

*To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens.
Thank you for your interest in this position!*

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PNW Research Station, Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory, Seattle, WA

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Contact Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current Employment Information

Are you currently a federal employee? Yes No

If Yes:

Agency name and location: _____

Current title/series/grade: _____

Type of appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

If No:

Current employer: _____

Current position and salary: _____

Type of appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- Former Peace Corps volunteer
- Person with disabilities
- Student Career Experience Program
- Veteran with 30% compensable disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Readjustment
- Reinstatement eligibility (previously a permanent federal employee)
- Other (indicate): _____

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