



Forestry Inventory & Analysis  
Anchorage Forestry Sciences Laboratory  
Positions available with the Data Collection Team

Position Titles & Grades:

- 1- GS-460/408-7/9 PSE 13/13 **QA Forester/Ecologist** (up to 3 positions may be filled)
- 2- GS-460/408-5/7/9 PSE 13/13 **Crew Leader Forester/Ecologist** (up to 2 positions may be filled)
- 3- GS-462/404-5/6/7 1039 seasonal **Crew Member Forestry Tech/Biological Tech** (up to 4 positions may be filled).

The Anchorage Forestry Sciences Lab anticipates hiring a number of permanent seasonal and 1039 positions to serve on the data collection team in Alaska. All positions will be working off of a boat, in remote field camps, or hotels 80-100% of the time, a portion of which will be in Washington, Oregon, or California (after the Alaska field season).

These positions are with the Pacific Northwest Research Station's Alaska Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program in Anchorage Alaska. The FIA Program conducts forest inventories and forest health monitoring on all forestlands, across all ownership in Alaska. The forest inventory is conducted in 3 phases. Phase 1 is a remote sensing classification currently being done from aerial photos. Phase 2 is a set of field plot samples located on a systematic basis across the unit. Phase 3 is a subsample of the field plots for forest health measurements. A wide range of variables are collected in the inventory including forest measurements, understory vegetation identification and cover estimations, down woody debris estimation, and lichen and soils information. Alaska is divided into two units, coastal and interior. During the 2006 field season all positions will be working within the Coastal Unit. In future year's positions will be divided between Alaska's coastal and interior units. For more information about the Pacific Northwest Research Station FIA program please visit our web site at: (<http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/fia/>)

**Duties common to all positions:** A majority of the duties will be devoted to data collection operations of which, about four to five months will be spent in the field. Positions will work in a crews of two to four people in the field collecting data for annual inventory and forest health monitoring in all parts of the state. Duties include photo interpretation, locating inventory plots, measuring various tree attributes, understory plant identification, soils, lichens, and down woody debris measurement. During the 4-5 months of data collection, these positions will be working out of and living on boats, and in remote field camps 80-100% of the time in Alaska, and out of hotels 100% of the time with possible camping trips in Washington, Oregon, or California. These positions will be in travel status approximately 90% of the time. Field duties include daily documentation, downloading, and editing of data. All non-field related duties are performed in Anchorage. Office duties include aerial photo interpretation, preparing plot folders, data entry and editing, and working on special projects.

The above duties cover those required by **Crew Member Forestry Tech/Biological Tech** positions.

The following positions have additional duties as noted:

**Crew Leader Forester/Ecologist:** The Crew Leader position leads a crew of two to four people in the field collecting data for annual inventory and forest health monitoring in all parts of the state. Crew leaders share duties as helicopter managers and will receive training leading to helicopter manager certification.

**QA Forester/Ecologist:** These positions will be involved in all aspects of the data collection. The QA position will provide support in organization and preparation for the data collection field season, plan and conduct training for field crews, collect data, and conduct quality assurance for all phases of the inventories. Positions will also function as crew leaders and helicopter managers.

**Work Environment:** Alaska provide a wide diversity of ecological communities which include coastal Sitka spruce and hemlock rain forests, interior mixed spruce and birch, boreal forests, and extensive black spruce bogs. Extensive areas of alpine tundra, shrub land, as well as a multitude of high peaks and glaciers occupy the non-forest areas. Fieldwork requires the ability to work and travel efficiently with a 45 pound pack in steep, wet, and slippery terrain, travel in small aircrafts, helicopters and boats, carrying a firearm for bear protection, living on a boat in close quarters with continuous background noise (engine, generators, etc), or in remote field camps with no facilities.

**Community:** **Anchorage** is a full service community nestled between the Chugach Mountains and the upper shores of Cook Inlet in the heart of Alaska's Southcentral Gulf Coast. It is central to many recreational opportunities and offers many cultural activities from a performing arts center to outdoor music festivals. With a diverse population of 260,000, Anchorage offers most of the amenities found in much larger cities (Museum of History and Art, Performing Art Center, Native Heritage Center, shopping centers, and several large hospitals) but maintains a rustic feeling. There are several universities and colleges in the immediate area. Anchorage has numerous public elementary, and secondary schools as well as private schools and day care facilities.

The city trail system offers a sense of wilderness within the city and ample recreation opportunities for just about everyone. There are over 120 miles of groomed X-country ski/hiking/biking trails (30 miles lighted), over 70 ball fields, 5 golf courses, and numerous small parks and playgrounds.

**If you are interested in this position** and working with the Pacific Northwest Research Station, please use the attached response form to express your interest by December 11, 2005 (response to this outreach notice will determine the level of interest, area of consideration and recruitment, so your response is important). You can send your response electronically or by regular mail to the following address. If you would like additional information, please contact Connie Hubbard (907) 743-9420, [chubbard@fs.fed.us](mailto:chubbard@fs.fed.us), or Ray Koleser (907) 743-9416, [rkoleser@fs.fed.us](mailto:rkoleser@fs.fed.us), PNW Research Station, 3301 C Street, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99503.

This is just a pre-announcement. When the position is advertised, the announcement will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management web site: [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). The announcement will contain all of the information you need to apply for the position.

**Applicants must be U.S. citizens.  
Thank you for your interest in this position**

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**Anchorage Forestry Sciences Lab  
Pacific Northwest Research Station**

Position Title/Series/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Station: **Anchorage, Alaska.**

I am interested in this position and will check <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you currently a Federal employee: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Current title/series/grade/location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of appointment you are currently under \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

**Briefly state why you are interested in this position:**

