



United States Department of Agriculture



**The 30,000 people of the Forest Service work in the most scenic and inspiring forests and grasslands our Nation has to offer, as well as in offices and research laboratories nationwide. These employees perform valuable work today that will be appreciated by generations to come. Our**

**extraordinary diversity of occupations and locations makes it easy to find a position to suit your talents.**

**There's so much *you* can do in a **Forest Service** career!**

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# There are many opportunities and duties within the Forest Service.

Listed below are just some of the jobs we do—and what you could be doing in a Forest Service career.

## Wildlife Biologists

make the forest a healthy environment that meets the needs of wildlife in terms of vegetation, water flow, canopy cover, and other biological requirements.

## Public Affairs Specialists

work with people whose backyards adjoin the national forests in a “wildland/urban interface” area to help them learn about forest ecology and how they can protect their families and property.

## Recreation Specialists

manage recreation sites from Oregon to Florida, helping to plan and manage winter sports areas, wilderness backpacking areas, and a wide variety of trails.

## Geographic Information Specialists

work with satellite imagery and map overlays of thousands of acres as part of major projects, such as collaborative watershed projects with State and local agencies.

## Entomologists

conduct pest surveys and provide pest identification information and management options to land managers and to Forest Service colleagues in other scientific research disciplines.

## Helitack, Smokejumpers, Hotshots, and Handcrew

members travel the country to suppress wildfires. Fire managers plan highly controlled, prescribed fires to improve the forest ecosystem.

## Engineers

—civil, mechanical, and electrical—are engaged in planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance activities for roads, bridges, trails, buildings, landing strips, wastewater systems, ski lifts, communications systems, and much more.

## Foresters

apply advances in science and technology to ensure the health of forests and watersheds, wildlife habitat, air and water, and to provide safe and clean places for people to recreate.

## Fuels Planners

evaluate forest ground-level and underground conditions with regard to shrubs, grasses, and other vegetation in order to reduce fuels that could potentially feed an uncontrolled wildfire.

## Accountants and Financial Management Specialists

are involved in planning and budgeting activities that go into the Forest Service’s annual reporting to Congress and the Executive Branch, as well as in managing resources.

## Research Scientists

in a wide range of fields perform original research in our own world-class labs and in university laboratories under cooperative research programs.

These are only a few of the exciting ways you might apply your skills and follow your interests in the USDA Forest Service. The Forest Service offers excellent benefits that include health and life insurance, a portable retirement plan, valuable training programs, and more.

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