



USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

- Position.** Natural Resources Fellow
- Duration.** 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting June 2023 – February 2024 (dates dependent upon start date)
- Location.** Pacific Northwest Region. Hosted at any Forest Service office in Oregon or Washington. Virtual positions will be considered.
- Reports To.** The Natural Resources Fellow will report to the regional ecologist, regional range and wild horse program manager, and/or regional vegetation inventory program manager.

Job Overview

This position will be housed within the Pacific Northwest Region's Natural Resources team and will have the opportunity to work with National Forests throughout Oregon and Washington. The internship is designed to provide direct experience in range management, ecology, and vegetation inventory, and the intern will be jointly mentored by these program areas.

**Housing may be available depending on the home unit.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Collect vegetation data and provide data stewardship using corporate databases.
- Analyze data and communicate key monitoring results to resource managers.
- Present natural resource data in engaging formats such as data visualization, webmaps, and storymaps.
- Synthesize information from a variety of resource areas to support priority Forest Service projects.
- Use GPS and written directions to locate and navigate to established field sites.
- Experience with GIS software and web maps is desired, on the job training will be provided.
- Work with range program staff to complete vegetation monitoring protocols and track improvements.
- Field work, likely in Central or Eastern Oregon, will be required for approximately 8 weeks between July and October, exact dates flexible. Travel and per diem will be paid for overnight travel while at field sites. Long days and irregular hours may be required during field weeks.

Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in any biology, natural resources, or environmental science related field.
- Strong communication skills.
- Organizational skills, attention to detail, & time management on assignments.
- Self-motivated with strong interest in working on dynamic projects in a collaborative environment.
- Ability to work cooperatively in a team, communicate effectively, and remain flexible/adaptable to changing situations and priorities.
- Ability to follow monitoring protocols for trend and vegetative surveys.

Minimum Requirements

- Completion of 2 years at an accredited university, an Associate's degree, or higher
- US citizenship or permanent residency. RAs must undergo a government background check if selected.



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- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for June 2023
- Must have ability to travel and complete field work including off-trail hiking in all weather conditions.
- Individuals will be required to safely operate Forest Service vehicles on rough, rocky forest roads, with provided defensive driving and 4-wheel driving training.