

USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

Position. Climate Change Resource Assistant

Duration. 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting June 2023 – February 2024

Location. Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Offices

30 S. Chiricahua Drive Springerville, AZ 85938

Reports To. Watershed Program Manager/Forest Climate Change Coordinator

Job Overview

This position is part of a cohort of 20 climate change-focused internships that will receive specialized training and opportunities to engage with other members of the cohort. This position will assist the forest's ecosystem staff in collection, compilation, and summary of forest plan monitoring data as related to climate change, soils, and stream condition and temperatures.

Responsibilities and Duties

- This position would assist in collection and compilation of field data including soil temperature and moisture, air quality, stream temperature, and stream condition data.
- Provide additional support for maintenance of the forests' stream and soil temperature monitoring network as needed.
- Assist the forest climate change coordinator in the collection, interpretation, and dissemination of climate change information as it relates to Forest Service climate change guidance documents, directives, and policy.

Qualifications

- Ability to express thoughts orally and in writing to document and report on technical aspects of work.
- The work requires some physical exertion such as walking over rough, forested terrain, wading in streams, etc.
- Ability to collect, compile and prepare various data, in the form of tables or graphs.



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.
- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for June 2023