



**Rocky Mountain Research Station**  
**USDA Forest Service**  
Biological Science Technicians (Wildlife)  
GS-0404-05 and GS-0404-07  
Sky Island Mountain Ranges located near Tucson, AZ

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**Please reply by January 22, 2014**

**OUTREACH NOTICE**

The Rocky Mountain Research Station, Wildlife and Terrestrial Ecosystems program will soon be advertising for four Biological Science Technicians for work from 21 April through 25 August 2014. The positions are full-time temporary appointments, not-to-exceed six months. We anticipate hiring one GS-0404-07 crew leader and three GS-0404-05 technicians to assist in a study assessing large-scale effects of wildfire and climate change on avian communities and habitats in five mountain ranges within the Sky Islands of southeastern Arizona, located on the Coronado National Forest. Major duties include conducting avian point counts, sampling forest vegetation, and assisting with an avian citizen science project in the Chiricahua Mountains. Other duties will include data entry, and vehicle and equipment maintenance.

The work will be physically demanding and will involve extensive daily hiking in steep terrain at high altitudes (4,800 to 9,800 feet), commonly during extreme or inclement weather (i.e. monsoon rains from July through September), in both unburned and burned areas, and near the U.S./Mexico border. Work schedules are generally ten days on and four days off, and the position will require sessions of truck-camping at remote locations on National Forest land. Vehicles will be provided. First-aid, CPR, defensive driving, and field safety training will also be provided. These positions are physically and mentally demanding; however, they provide a wide array of experience with wildlife and associated research techniques in a biodiversity hotspot.

Applicants must have a valid state driver's license, be able to identify birds of the southwest by sight and sound, be in excellent physical condition (ability to carry a 40-50 pound pack up steep terrain at high elevation), be self-motivated, and have a desire to work independently or in small groups in remote locations. U.S. citizenship is required. Duty station will be Tucson, Arizona. Intermittent housing may be provided. There are rental options available in Tucson, but camping is a less-expensive option and one that past crew members have used with work being conducted in five mountain ranges (Chiricahua, Huachuca, Pinaleno, Santa Catalina, Santa Rita Mountains).

**DUTY STATION:** This position will be located in the Sky Island Mountain Ranges near Tucson, Arizona. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs> and the Wildlife and Terrestrial Ecosystems program website at <http://www.rmrs.nau.edu/wildlife>. For additional information about Tucson, Arizona, visit the Tucson Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.tucsonchamber.org>.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0404 series that are covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Group Coverage Qualification Standards for Technical and Medical Support Positions. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual for Technical and Medical Support is available for review at any federal personnel office or online at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/GS-TECH.asp>.

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If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the Outreach Notice Form and send via email along with a resume to [jsanderlin@fs.fed.us](mailto:jsanderlin@fs.fed.us). Reply by **January 22, 2014**.

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

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Applicant Information	
Name:	Email Address:
Current Title, Series, Grade:	
Current Organization/Location:	
Work Phone:	Alternate Phone:
Current <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Term <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Appointment: <input type="checkbox"/> Not currently employed by the federal government	
If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran’s Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pathways Program</span> <span style="margin-left: 350px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other</span>	
Position Interest	
Use the space below to identify any special qualifications, interest, or additional information: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	