The Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska will be advertising and filling several temporary positions for the summer 2016 field season.

This is a pre-announcement outreach notice. Vacancy announcement numbers for these positions are expected to be available February 2016. At that time they may be obtained from the District office or emailed to you if you complete the attached outreach response form. They will also be posted and searchable on the USA Jobs website, www.usajobs.gov, when they open. Desired start date for all positions is in May 2016.

All positions are field-going. Accomplishment of duties will require arduous field work in inclement weather conditions. Technicians will be required to complete all mandatory training and follow safety protocols. Many positions will require the operation of Forest Service vehicles or equipment. A valid state driver’s license is required in order to obtain a government driver’s license.

**Forestry Technician, Timber Sale Preparation (GS-462-4/5)**

These positions are located in Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts. The crew will be assisting foresters with timber sale preparation: unit layout, logging systems identification, logging/skid road design, timber volume estimation, timber marking, inventory, and reconnaissance. The crew will use forest mensuration, timber marking, and GPS equipment regularly. Transportation to remote field sites will utilize boats, UTVs, ATVs, and highway vehicles.

**Forestry Technician/Biological Technician, Forestry/Silviculture (GS-462-5/7) (GS-404-05)**

These positions are located in Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts and are part of the timber planning crew. The crew will assist the planning forester and silviculturist in the collection, organization, and analysis of forestry data in preparation for natural resource management on Prince of Wales Island. They will organize and maintain gear and equipment; prepare data sheets, GPS units, and maps for survey work; perform silvicultural stand exams, unit and stand recon for logging systems, access, volume, defect, disease, species composition; determine other resource concerns related to projects; and process, organize, and update forestry and silvicultural data using computer systems and associated software such as Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, and ArcPad. Lead crew members (GS-7) will be the ones primarily responsible for data entry and GIS analysis, which may include the ability to create database reports, digitize and edit geospatial features, edit and append geospatial attribute data, and produce maps or display geospatial attribute information. Secondary crew members (GS-5) will primarily be assistants to the lead crew person. They will have many of the same duties once in the field.

**Biological Science Technician, Fish (GS-0404-5/6/7)**

These positions are part of the Timber Planning fisheries crew on the Thorne Bay Ranger District. The technicians on the crew will be assisting the Fish Biologist in the collection, organization, and analysis of fisheries data in preparation for natural resource management on Prince of Wales Island. The fish technicians will organize and maintain gear and equipment; prepare data sheets, GPS units, and maps for
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survey work; conduct a variety of surveys related to the protection and management of aquatic resources including fish passage, stream inventory, stream productivity, stream utilization, physical and biological characteristics, and habitat improvements or rehabilitation programs; and process, organize, and update fisheries data using Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, and ArcPad.

**Biological Science Technician, Wildlife (GS-0404-5/7)**

These positions are part of the Timber Planning wildlife crew on the Thorne Bay or Craig Ranger District. The crew will be assisting the Wildlife Biologist in the collection, organization, and analysis of wildlife data in preparation for natural resource management on Prince of Wales Island. The crew will organize and maintain gear and equipment; conduct a variety of surveys related to the protection and management of wildlife resources including surveys for specific animals or birds, habitat improvements; and process, organize, and update wildlife data using Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, and ArcPad. The lead crew person (GS-7) will prepare data sheets, GPS units, and maps for survey work and be the one primarily responsible for data entry. The secondary crew members (GS-5) will primarily be assistants to the lead crew person. They will have many of the same duties once in the field.

**Biological Science Technician, Plants (GS-0404-5/7)**

These positions are based on the Thorne Bay Ranger District and serve as a technical assistant to the Botanist in the collection, organization, and analysis of data for botanical species and plant habitats on the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts. Conducts and documents surveys for rare and invasive plants. Collects inventory data to determine species identity, population characteristics, environmental conditions, and factors affecting the vigor and extent of the species and their habitat. Technicians will complete datasheets, utilize GPS units and be responsible for maintaining field gear. Uses computer systems and associated software for recording, organizing, storing, and analyzing data. Provides data to the Botanist after checking for discrepancies and inconsistencies. Applicants should have experience identifying vascular plants to species.

**Biological Science Technician, Soils and/or Natural Resources (GS-404-5/7)**

These positions are located on the Tongass National Forest, Thorne Bay or Craig Ranger Districts on Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska. The positions will be assisting the Soils Scientist in the collection, organization, and analysis of soils and wetland data in preparation for natural resource management on Prince of Wales Island. Technicians will organize and maintain gear and equipment; prepare data sheets, GPS units, and maps; keep records of data; compile and summarize the data obtained from surveys and monitoring. Applicants should have soil pedology and/or soil judging experience.

**Archeology Technician, (GS-102-5/7)**

These positions are based on the Thorne Bay Ranger District and serve as technical assistants to the Archaeologist in the collection, organization, and analysis of archaeological data on the Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts. The Archaeological technician conducts on-the-ground archaeological surveys for surface and subsurface historic and prehistoric archaeological sites. Adapts ground search strategies as determined by specific project requirements i.e., terrain, vegetation cover, and time frames. Records sites and monitors affected sites during project activities. Processes and analyzes archaeological materials in
preparation for report writing. Prepares Cultural Resource Inventory reports and site forms, and enters
site and inventory information into databases and onto GIS maps. May serve as a work crew leader.

**Forestry Technician (Recreation), GS-462-05**

These positions provide support to the recreation program on the Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts. Duties primarily focus on maintenance of recreation facilities and trails, which include 19 rental cabins, 2 campgrounds and 72 miles of trail. Most work sites occur along the road system, but some are only accessible by boat or float plane.

**Area Description:**

Prince of Wales Island is approximately 40 air-miles from Ketchikan, Alaska. It is accessed via the Inter Island Ferry or by charter float plane. The community of Craig (approximately 1200 people) is remote with minimal amenities; however, there is a grocery store, library, sports shop, gas station, 2 pizza places, a couple restaurants and a community gym and aquatic center. Thorne Bay is smaller (population 500) with fewer amenities, but it does provide a tight knit community. Thorne Bay has a grocery store, harbor, hardware store, library, restaurant, and convenience store. There are hundreds of miles of roads on Prince of Wales, most unpaved. Recreation opportunities are abundant with water-based activities such as boating and fishing being very popular. There is little development on the island. The setting is typical of southeast Alaska with abundant rain, rugged terrain, and dense old-growth forests.

**Outreach Contacts**

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Limited housing is available for seasonal positions on a first come, first served basis.
OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Tongass National Forest
Craig and Thorne Bay

Summer 2016, Temporary Forestry, Biological, and Archeology Technician positions

Please respond no later than: January 29, 2016

If you are interested in any of these temporary positions please complete this form and send to the appropriate outreach contact noted on the previous pages.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

E-Mail: ___________________________

Which technician series are you qualified for and interested in:

Forestry – Timber Sale Prep: (GS-462-4) ____ (GS-462-5) ____

Forestry – Silviculture: (Natural Resource GS-404-5) ____ (Forestry Tech GS-462-5/7) ____

Fisheries: (GS-0404-5) ____ (GS-0404-6) ____ (GS-0404-7) ____

Wildlife: (GS-0404-5) ____ (GS-0404-7) ____

Plants: (GS-0404-5) ____ (GS-0404-7) ____

Soils: (Natural Resources GS-0404-5) ____; (Natural Resources GS-0404-7) ____

Archeology: (GS-0102-5) ____

Are you currently a federal employee? Yes _________ No _________

If yes, what is your current title/series/grade/location and type of appointment: _________________________

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position (please continue on next page if needed):

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