



**OUTREACH NOTICE**

**LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST**

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<b>TITLE:</b>	Biological Technician (Plants) - Temporary Position (Not-To-Exceed 1039 hours)	<b>DUTY LOCATION:</b>	Mt. Pinos Ranger District Frazier Park, CA
<b>SERIES:</b>	GS-0404-05	<b>GRADE:</b>	GS-05 (\$17.73 per hour)

The Los Padres National Forest is advertising for a not to exceed (NTE 1039) Temporary Biological Technician (Plants) - GS-0404-05 on our Mt. Pinos Ranger District in Frazier Park, CA.

**DUTIES:** The Mt. Pinos Ranger District is looking for a botanist with strong taxonomic and horticultural skills as well as strong team-building skills to manage and expand the district native plant and pollinator garden program.

Key tasks will focus on assisting with and developing multiple habitat enhancement projects for monarch butterflies and other native pollinators. These tasks will include:

- Conducting field surveys to locate and map pollinator host and nectar plants;
- Estimating the timing of seed availability and collecting and cleaning seed;
- Proposing, designing, and conducting in consultation with the project lead (the Mt. Pinos Ranger District Resource Officer) other routine-to-complex native plant, pollinator, and phenology surveys;
- Using computer systems and associated software to record, organize, store, and analyze data related to the native plant and pollinator garden program, primarily in an office setting but also in a field setting;
- Field surveys may involve highly physical labor and daily hiking often to remote locations in rugged terrain under possible adverse weather conditions. The surveys and mapping will require the use of global positioning systems, aerial photographs, topographic maps, GIS, and/or compass in navigation;
- Planning and tending restoration gardens and conducting the range of associated horticultural and restoration duties, such as planting, weeding, irrigating, and carrying out native plant nursery work, particularly with our established partner, the Frazier Mountain High School Future Farmers of America group, and well as with new, future partners;
- Planning and performing routine-to-complex tasks involving invasive non-native plant management and treatment, such as inventory, monitoring, and control by hand-pulling or using hand tools or the use of power tools (after meeting any training and certification requirements); and
- Hosting workshops in collaboration with the Mt. Pinos Ranger District Resource Officer to inform and engage new cooperators, partners, and volunteers;

Approximate dates of employment for this vacancy are April 2017 thru October 2017 (or later date, to be determined by available funding).

**HOUSING:** Space in Forest Service barracks may be available at approximately \$7-\$8 per day. These rates may vary and applicants are encouraged to check with the identified contacts regarding any changes in barrack rates and barrack availability for their respective locations.

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** The application announcement is projected to open beginning [January 17, 2017 and close January 23, 2017](#). Please continue to view this outreach for updates on announcement #, direct link to vacancy announcement/ application when opens January 17, and possible changes to scheduled application period. If you respond to this outreach you still must apply through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) once positions are advertised. This outreach is only to gauge interest. **If you respond to the outreach and provide your email, you will receive a direct**

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**link to the application when it becomes available. You can respond by selecting the following link:**

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com?id=03E84A73F9684588A9E12DE067CC0557>

**FOREST:** Los Padres National Forest encompasses approximately 1.75 million acres of central California's scenic coastal mountain ranges. The forest stretches across almost 220 miles from north to south and consists of two separate land divisions. The northern division is comprised of the very unique Big Sur coastal range descending steeply to the ocean on the west and to the Salinas Valley on the east. It is within Monterey County and northern San Luis Obispo County. The "main division" is unique in being a transverse east-west coastal range divided by the Sierra Madre Ridge and draining to the ocean on the south and to the Cuyama valley to the north. It includes lands within San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Kern Counties.

**Mt. Pinos Ranger District:** The District office is located in the Frazier Park area approximately 50 miles south of Bakersfield and 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles along the Interstate 5 corridor. Mt. Pinos employees receive Los Angeles area locality pay. Most employees live in the local mountain communities or commute from Bakersfield, Lancaster, or Santa Clarita. A Government trailer pad may be available.

The Mt. Pinos Ranger District encompasses 497,064 acres of the Los Padres National Forest located in the Western Transverse Range and a portion of the Sierra Madre Coastal Range of California including portions of Kern, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara Counties. Elevations range from 2,000 to 8,830 feet at the summit of Mount Pinos. This variation in elevation offers some of the most diverse landscape on the Los Padres National Forest. Vegetation varies from sagebrush and annual grasses to mixed coniferous forests. There are numerous recreational opportunities on the district with campgrounds, three Wilderness areas, motorized and non-motorized trails to ride, hike and horseback; and hunting opportunities for upland birds and big game. The District has the largest OHV program on the Forest with 220 miles of designated OHV trails.

Average annual precipitation in Frazier Park is 9-11 inches with most occurring between December and March. Snow is common and summers are usually dry and warm.

For community information visit: [www.frazmtn.com](http://www.frazmtn.com) [www.bakersfieldcity.us](http://www.bakersfieldcity.us) [www.santa-clarita.com](http://www.santa-clarita.com)

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