

Caring for the Land and Serving People

The Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, manages and cares for more than 193 million acres of our Nation's forests and grasslands. Working for the Forest Service means protecting the fresh water millions of Americans drink, managing the country's renewable resources, and sustaining the beauty of America's landscapes. Work for the Forest Service and leave your legacy on nature for future generations.



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Seasonal Temporary Employment

Offering valuable job experience while accomplishing the Forest Service's mission.

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More information on Forest Service careers, benefits, and opportunities is available on www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us. If you would like to speak directly to a Forest Service recruiter about potential job opportunities, please send an email to SM.FS.recruiting@usda.gov.

For questions regarding application status, you can contact Forest Service Human Resources Management by calling 1-877-372-7248, select Option 2, and follow the prompts. The Contact Center is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MT) and closed on all Federal holidays.



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What Do Seasonal Forest Service Employees Do?

Seasonal employees are temporary workers hired by the Forest Service to complete vital agency work during peak times. Most seasonal employees work during summer, usually May through September.

The Forest Service hires anywhere between 10,000 and 13,000 temporary employees every year for jobs in rural and urban locations across the country. Most temporary or seasonal employees spend the bulk of their time in the field.

Career opportunities include:

- Working on trails and recreation sites.
- Wildland firefighting.
- Working with foresters and researchers to manage and conserve forests.
- Helping biologists, hydrologists, and archaeologists protect resources like wildlife, water, and cultural sites.
- Working in information technology, visitor services, and other office jobs.



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Why Should I Apply for a Seasonal job?

A seasonal job with the Forest Service allows employees to:

- Gain valuable work experience with the Forest Service and network with permanent employees and hiring managers.
- Apply your education to a practical work environment.
- Try out different career fields.

After completing a season, employees can be non competitively rehired for the same position the following year. After 24 months, temporary employees are eligible to compete for a permanent position under the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act (LMWFA). Seasonal or temporary jobs are a great option for students, providing a source of income and valuable work experience during summer break.

How to Apply



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Temporary jobs for the summer season typically open in Winter or early Spring. The Forest Service accepts all job applications on USAJOBS. USAJOBS connects job seekers with Federal employment opportunities across the United States and around the world.

To apply for a seasonal or temporary position in the Forest Service:

1. Visit www.USAJOBS.gov.
2. Create a USAJOBS profile.
3. Upload or create a Federal resume.
4. Search for jobs in USAJOBS. You can limit searches to temporary positions with the Forest Service.
5. Review the job announcement.
6. **Apply!**