The San Bernardino National Forest is currently seeking a highly skilled candidate for a TERM Position as a Biological Science Tech (Plants) position located at the Mountaintop Ranger District Office - Fawnskin, California. The purpose of this outreach is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming job opportunity. To express interest in this position, please complete the interest form within the Outreach Database and return to Botanist, Devere Kopp at deveree.kopp@usda.gov by close of business on April 4th, 2020.

INTRODUCTION
Serves as a technical assistant responsible for the collection, organization, and analysis of data for botanical species and plant habitats on a National Forest.

MAJOR DUTIES
Independently, or as a crew leader, plans, participates, and conducts a variety of field studies of native and non-native botanical species and their habitats. Coordinates with resource specialist in planning work. Develops plans to collect data for use in habitat and species condition analyses. Collects survey and inventory data to determine species identity, population characteristics, environmental conditions, and factors affecting the vigor and extent of the species and their habitat. Keeps records of all data and produces maps of survey areas.

Schedules, organizes, and executes botanical projects involving native and/or non-native species. Resolves common administrative and safety concerns related to the projects. Improves, adapts, and develops techniques, methods, and equipment based on experience, practical knowledge, and prescribed procedures. Determines need and recommends equipment requirements for botanical projects and assures equipment is operational and available when needed.

Compiles and summarizes the data obtained from surveys, inventories, biological evaluations, and monitoring. Uses computer systems and associated software for recording, organizing, storing, and analyzing data. Provides detailed reports on work methods, data collected, and project monitoring. Evaluates data and makes recommendations for improvement of habitat. Provides data to resource
specialist after checking for discrepancies and inconsistencies. Assists with analysis, interpretation, and refinement of botanical data, and development of reports.

Independently organizes work efforts with other technicians, professionals, and scientists who are involved with relevant projects. Meets with others in order to plan and coordinate work efforts, discuss technical requirements, and present study findings or to discuss technical problems encountered or anticipated during project work.

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For more information on the position, contact the Mountaintop Ranger District Botanist, Deveree Kopp (909) 382-2831 or deveree.kopp@usda.gov

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The San Bernardino National Forest, one of 18 National Forests in the State, is located in the counties of San Bernardino and Riverside. The Forest covers approximately 680,000 acres and lies above the surrounding cities of Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, San Bernardino, Redlands, Mentone, Yucaipa, Banning, Beaumont, Apple Valley, Victorville, Lucerne Valley and the resort communities around Palm Springs. Several mountaintop communities, including Idyllwild, Lake Arrowhead, Wrightwood, and Big Bear are surrounded entirely by the National Forest. The Forest encompasses all or portions of several high elevation mountain ranges, including the eastern portions of the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Bernardino Mountains, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. Major interstates cross the Forest, including I-10 and I-15.

The Forest and surrounding areas offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities for hunting, hiking, backpacking, fishing, sightseeing, off-highway vehicles, mountain biking, winter recreation, and horseback riding. Significant visitor attractions include the Big Bear Discovery Center, National Children’s Forest, the Sand to Snow National Monument, and the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. The Forest is one of the four forests in Southern California that are part of the National Forest Adventure Pass Program (a Recreation Fee Program). The Forest has numerous recreation and non-recreation special uses, including significant transportation and utility corridors that feed the Inland Empire and LA Basin. The many urban communities along the foothills of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains together with the mountain communities surrounded by the National Forest add complexity to the management environment of the wildland urban interface.

Additional Information:

San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce (909) 885-7515  www.chamberofcommerce.com/sanbernardinoRiverside

Chamber of Commerce (951) 683-7100  www.riverside-chamber.com/

More information on the San Bernardino National Forest is on our website: www.r5.fs.fed.us/sanbernardino

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