



Botanical Jobs in the Sierra Nevada! Work on the Tahoe National Forest Nevada City, CA - Summer 2017



The **Tahoe National Forest** will hire a botany crew for the summer field season of 2017. Temporary Biological Science Technicians are needed for ~six months. Pay ranges from ~\$12 to \$26 per hour (GS-4 to GS-9, some grades may not be filled).

Job Descriptions and Qualifications:

BOTANY CREW: Primary duties are to conduct field surveys for special status plants and treat invasive plants on the American River and Yuba River Ranger Districts. Additional work includes monitoring, restoration, data entry & environmental education. Dormitory-style housing may be available. GS-4 & GS-5 positions will be focused on weed work, while GS-6 & GS-7 positions will be focused on surveys, though all crew members should be qualified and prepared to do both. Up to three positions available, GS-4 to GS-7 (some grades may not be filled). Start date ~March – May 2017.

Desired skills include: experience with plant identification using taxonomic keys, familiarity with California flora (including fungi and non-vascular plants), and proficiency using GIS, GPS, topographic maps, and compass. Ability to operate vehicles on rough and 4WD roads is necessary for the position. Qualified candidates must be in good physical fitness and be willing to work outdoors under strenuous conditions throughout the summer.

BOTANY CREW LEADER (GS-9): Primary duties are to lead botany crew and conduct environmental analysis for small projects on the American River and Yuba River Ranger Districts. Additional work includes project-level botanical technical assistance, monitoring, restoration, data entry & environmental education. One position available. Start date ~February -March 2017.

Desired skills include: experience leading field crews, familiarity with environmental analysis under ESA, FNMA and SNFPA, experience with plant identification using taxonomic keys, familiarity with California flora (including fungi and non-vascular plants), proficiency using GIS, GPS, topographic maps, and compass. Ability to operate vehicles on rough and 4WD roads is necessary for the position. Qualified candidates must be in good physical fitness and be willing to work outdoors under strenuous conditions throughout the summer.

Qualification standards for this series and grade include courses equivalent to a major in botany or basic plant science that included at least 24 semester hours in botany.

How To Apply:

Go to the USA Jobs website: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

GS-6, GS-7 & GS-9 positions are scheduled to open in for applications in usajobs from **December 13th – December 19th, 2016**. GS-4 & Gs-5 positions (if filled) are scheduled to be open for applications on USAJobs.gov from approximately **January 17 - January 23, 2017**; it is advised that you check the website frequently starting in January as these dates may change for the GS-4 & Gs-5 positions. Positions will be filled under the following Announcement #s:

GS-4 Biological Technician (Plants): 17-TEMP-R5-0404-4PLNTS-DT

GS-5 Biological Technician (Plants): 17-TEMP-R5-0404-4PLNTS-DT

GS-6 Biological Technician (Plants): 17-TEMP-S5-0404-6PLTS-DT, GS-0404-06

GS-7 Biological Technician (Plants): 17-TEMP-S5-0404-7PLNTS-DT

GS-9 Botanist: 17-TEMP-S5-0430-9BOT-DT

The duty station is **Nevada City, CA**. It is recommended to apply for multiple grade levels to insure that you are considered at the highest grade level for which you qualify.

For questions, additional information, or to be notified of due dates for application, please contact Courtney Rowe, cjrowe@fs.fed.us.