OUTREACH

Rocky Mountain Research Station
Biological Science Technician
GS-0404-07
Bozeman, MT

OPEN: September 20, 2018  CLOSE: October 10, 2018

The USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station anticipates filling a temporary biological science technician position to be stationed in Bozeman, Montana. The incumbent is responsible for providing technical support to two scientists that conduct basic and applied studies on a variety of insect-related topics including biological control of invasive plants, bark beetles, pollinators, and plant-insect chemical ecology. This biological science technician will participate in multiple phases of the research process by performing a variety of moderately complex technical duties in a laboratory, field, garden or greenhouse environment. Duties include caring for plants and insects, data collection (in laboratory and field), tabulating, entering, statistically analyzing, and summarizing data using personal computers and software packages. Familiarity and experience with entomology techniques and chemical ecology techniques, specifically the ability to perform the full range of common and standard techniques to run and quantify samples using a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GC-MS), is highly desirable. The work will require some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough or uneven terrain; recurring bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, or reaching; or recurring moving, lifting and carrying of moderately heavy items.

**DUTY STATION:** This position will be located at the Forestry Sciences Lab in Bozeman, MT. Interested candidates can visit the RMRS website at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/](http://www.fs.fed.us/rmrs/).

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Bozeman, Montana Profile: Bozeman is located in the Gallatin valley of southwest Montana, about ninety miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It is the fourth largest community in Montana and the second fastest growing area in the state. The population is about 45,250 and includes over 16,000 students at Montana State University. Including outlying communities, the Gallatin County population is over 97,000.

Bozeman is a beautiful place to live. Surrounded entirely by mountains, the area offers a wide variety of year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, including two downhill ski areas (Bridger Bowl and Big Sky) plentiful outdoor recreational activities such as fly fishing, hiking, whitewater kayaking, and mountain climbing and a full gamut of indoor recreation. Additionally, Bozeman is a gateway community through which visitors pass on the way to Yellowstone National Park with its abundant wildlife and thermal features. The area showcases spectacular scenery and the western way of life.

There is a complete range of services available in the community. There are full medical facilities including a 86-bed hospital, several medical clinics and numerous urgent care facilities and nursing homes. There are about fifty churches and over one hundred and fifty service organizations. There are eight elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-8) and a senior high complex. Several private schools and day care facilities are also available in the area.

Montana State University (MSU), a land-grant institution, offers bachelor, masters’ and doctorate programs. The Museum of the Rockies includes exhibits of Montana’s history as well as a planetarium, and one of the most complete dinosaur exhibits in the northwest.

Climate in the Bozeman area offers a wide variety through the four seasons; temperatures vary from an average high in August of 80 degrees to an average low in January of 10 degrees. Below-zero temperatures in the winter are common. Total yearly precipitation averages about 19 inches, with an average annual snowfall of 83 inches. Bozeman elevation is 4,810 feet.

Ten airlines provide flights out of Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport located 8 miles NW of Bozeman, and commercial bus and taxi services are also available.

For more information about the Bozeman area, you may contact the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-228-4224 or www.bozemanchamber.com

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