

2023 SUMMER JOBS IN THE SIERRA NEVADA! AMPHIBIAN FIELD TECHNICIANS WANTED

Employer: USDA Forest Service, Region 5 (Pacific Southwest), Stanislaus National Forest

Location: Field work is throughout the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range of California.

Home office location is Sonora, California.

Housing is likely in nearby areas.

Employment Duration: Approximately June-August, 2023

Titles: Biological Sciences Technician (Natural Resources)

Series/Grade Levels: GS-0404-04, GS-0404-05, and GS-0404-06

Application Open Dates: 9/29/22 - 10/6/22

Eligibility: US citizens at least 18 years of age. Valid US driver's license required. Qualification by grade is determined by education and/or experience. See vacancies on usajobs for more info.

Background and Job Description:

The U.S. Forest Service is hiring seasonal biological technicians for a long-term bioregional amphibian monitoring program focusing on the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (*Rana sierrae*) and the Yosemite toad (*Anaxyrus canorus*).

These jobs will predominantly consist of field work in the Sierra Nevada at elevations of 5,000-12,000 feet. Primary duties include locating and traveling to selected sample sites; surveying lakes, ponds, meadows, and streams for amphibians; and collecting habitat data. Many of the sites will be remote, requiring backpacking trips of up to 8-days duration. Some preparatory office work may be available in early season and data cleanup at the end of the season. We are looking for applicants with a background and/or high level of interest in herpetology and/or aquatic biology who are in good physical condition and willing to endure high altitude, temperature extremes, rough terrain, and the occasional mosquito (ok, maybe thousands). Backpacking and backcountry experience, and experience in amphibian surveys and identification are desired. Ability to get along with crew members for prolonged periods in the backcountry is a must. Housing will likely be available with cost TBD.

Hiring Process:

Apply online at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Search for jobs with the following announcement numbers:

Grade Announcement Number

GS-4: 23-TEMP3-R5-0023-4DT-MG -- For Location select Negotiable

GS-5: 23-TEMP3-R5-0021-5DT-ME -- For Location select Sonora

GS-6: 23-TEMP3-R5-0019-6DT-CB -- For Location select Sonora

These are generic job announcements for technician jobs throughout the country.

For the GS-5 and GS-6 positions ->You must select "Sonora, CA" as a duty location to be eligible for this position.

For the GS-4 positions ->You must select "Negotiable" as a duty location to be eligible for this position.

In addition to completing the online application, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Cathy Brown, Team Leader, cathy.brown@usda.gov

Please type: 'Sierra Amphibian Job' in the Subject line of the email.