



Outreach Notice

Pre-Announcement

Region 2, Forest Health Protection **Rapid City, South Dakota**

Entomologist
GS-0414-9/11/12

This is a permanent, full-time position.

This position will be filled at the GS-9, GS-11 or GS-12 level, depending upon experience. There is no promotion potential beyond GS-12.

The duty station for this position is Rapid City, SD.

The Rapid City Service Center of Region 2 Forest Health Protection will soon be advertising a permanent, full-time, GS-414-9/11/12, Entomologist position. The vacancy announcement will be posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.opm.gov/ in the near future. Interested individuals should respond to this outreach, and will be contacted with specific vacancy announcement information, when the job is posted on USAJOBS.

DUTIES:

The position serves as entomologist for the Rapid City Service Center, Region 2-Forest Health Protection. The position reports directly to the Rapid City Service Center Leader.

As the Entomologist, the incumbent is on a Forest Service unit where the incumbent performs a variety of professional entomology tasks. Plans, coordinates, and conducts forest health protection surveys and evaluations on Federal and Tribal lands. Provides technical assistance in forest health to federal and state agencies. Analyzes data and prepares complete and comprehensive reports. Plans, organizes, and conducts pilot projects, field tests, and demonstrations to determine the value of new or improved materials, strategies, or techniques for operational use in pest survey, evaluation, or management. Coordinates with research scientists on new findings applicable to forest health protection.

The Rapid City Service Center covers a wide range of forests, from high elevation alpine forests, to eastern hardwood forest on the plains.

ABOUT THE BLACK HILLS AREA

Black Hills are located in southwestern South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming. The Black Hills rise from the adjacent grasslands into forestland dominated by ponderosa pine, spruce and aspen. It is an "Island in the Plains" with the diversity of wildlife and plants reaching from the eastern forests to the western plains. The Forest boasts a good balance of multiple uses, and a wide range of recreation activities.

The Black Hills draw thousands of visitors each year for outdoor recreation on the Black Hills National Forest and in Custer State Park. Mount Rushmore National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, and Crazy Horse Mountain are all in the area.

Rapid City, SD is 42 miles north of Custer. With a population of 80,000, Rapid City serves Western South Dakota and Eastern Wyoming with regional medical facilities and shopping centers. Music and sporting events are offered throughout the year at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is located in Rapid City.

Housing is available for purchase or rent in Rapid City and the surrounding communities. The median price for a home in Rapid City is about \$140,000. Apartment rentals start at \$600/month. Interested applicants should check the web sites of the local realtors for more information. There are lots of web sites with information on Rapid City and the Black Hills. A few are listed below:

<http://rapidcity.areaguides.net>

<http://rapidcitypubliclibrary.com>

www.rcgov.org

www.rcas.org

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions please contact:

**Kurt Allen, Service Center Leader
605-716-2781**

Please complete and send the form below no later than October 28th to:

kallen@fs.fed.us

or fax to 605/343-7134, Attn: Kurt Allen

Region 2 –Forest Health Protection

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

To complete form, double left click the appropriate gray box and select "checked" or "not checked" as necessary then click "ok". Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

Position Title: **Entomologist**
Series/Grade: **GS-0414-9/11/12**
Location **Rapid City, South Dakota**

Applicant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Current Title, Series, Grade _____
Current Organization/Location: _____
Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Series currently identified and classified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other appropriate series for which I am qualified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Target grade level currently identified |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade) |

Use the space below to identify special qualifications, interest, or additional information: