



OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA Forest Service

Pacific Southwest Region (R5)

1323 Club Drive, Vallejo CA

Hawai'i National Forest Feasibility Study Coordinator (Assistant Director)

GS-0101/0401/1301-13/14

Temporary Promotion/Detail Opportunity

The Pacific Southwest Region is outreaching for a **temporary promotion/detail opportunity** as the Regional Hawai'i National Forest Feasibility Study Coordinator (State & Private Forestry Assistant Director), GS-0101/0401/1301-13/14. This unique position will fulfill a Congressionally directed action for assessing the technical feasibility of and community desires for creating a national forest in Hawai'i. The position will be based in Hawai'i and is telework eligible. This notification is being circulated to identify candidates for the temporary promotion/detail appointment for a minimum of one year, with the option to extend up to four years. The employee would be returned to their regular, permanent position upon completion of this temporary assignment.

Due to the specialized nature of this term position, **we strongly encourage interested candidates to contact**

- * Sherry Hazelhurst, State & Private Forestry Director, sherry.hazelhurst@usda.gov or 707-980-4079 **OR**
- * Jodi Chew, Regional Forester's Hawaii & Pacific Island Liaison, jodi.chew@usda.gov or 808-348-1926 **OR**
- * Kara Chadwick, Deputy Regional Forester, kara.chadwick@usda.gov or 707-562-9000

to get more information before completing and emailing the attached Outreach Response Form and resumé to Sherry at sherry.hazelhurst@usda.gov by close of business March 29, 2024.

About the Position:

The 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act included a directive for the USDA Forest Service to conduct a feasibility study that could lead to the creation of a national forest in Hawai'i. Specifically, the legislation requires the Forest Service to:

- Determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Forest System within the study area. This study provides recommendations, not decisions.
- Identify available land within the study area that could be included in the unit.

In addition, the legislation directs the Secretary to coordinate and consult with the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture, and other interested

governmental entities, private and nonprofit organizations, and any interested individuals. A final report to Congress is due by December 2025. The Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5) has been assigned as the Lead for this work.

Brief Description of Duties:

The position will provide leadership and technical expertise to a 3rd party independent entity that will implement an identified scope of work and conduct the feasibility study. The person selected will establish and manage an agreement or contract with the entity, serving as the Project Manager and/or Contracting Officer's Representative. Duties will include regular check-ins with 3rd party entity, coordinating agency review of products, writing/editing necessary materials, supporting public meetings and ensuring identified timelines are met. The position will:

- Report to the Pacific Southwest Region, State & Private Forestry Director while serving as primary point of contact for the Washington Office, Department of Agriculture, R5 Regional Office, and the Pacific Southwest Research Station.
- Conduct regular coordination with internal agency teams and the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture.
- Maintain communication products and conduct periodic briefings to leadership.
- Finalize final report to Congress, working with Regional and National leadership.

The Pacific Southwest Region of the USDA Forest Service manages National Forest lands in California and assists state, private and Tribal forest landowners in California, Hawai'i, and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. The Pacific Southwest Region is comprised of 18 National Forests with a combined size of over 20 million acres, or approximately one-fifth of California's land base. Information about the R5, Pacific Southwest Region can be found at website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/>.



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Respond by March 29, 2024 to sherry.hazelhurst@usda.gov**

Name:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

Current position title:

Current series and grade (if applicable):

Current region/forest/district (USFS):

Current agency (if other than USFS):

Type of appointment: Permanent Temporary Term VRA or Other:

Do you qualify for any or the following direct hire authorities:

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- [Disabled Veterans Enrolled in a Department of Veterans Affairs Training Program](#)
- [Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 \(VEOA\)](#)
- [Peace Corps or Ameri Corps VISTA](#)
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- Reinstatement Rights
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- Other:

Submission of this form is voluntary but is encouraged. Thank you for your interest!

This outreach form does not constitute an application.

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