

*Career Intern Program  
Outreach Notice*  
**Shasta-Trinity National Forest**



**Fisheries Biologist GS 0482-5/7/9  
Weaverville, CA**

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is recruiting for a Fisheries Biologist under the provisions of the USDA Career Intern Program (CIP). This position will be stationed Weaverville, California and filled on a two year full-time basis with the potential of becoming a permanent position. The starting salary range is 27,026 pa with a target grade of GS-9 with a starting pay of \$40,949 pa. For more information on the USDA Career Intern Program please go to:

<http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/CareerInternHowToApplyIntro.htm>.

Position serves as an entry level professional trainee and receives training and development in fisheries management within the framework of forest management on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. During the primary field season, the trainee will coordinate the activities of several seasonal Biological Science Technicians. Field work may include: salmon spawning ground and summer steelhead surveys, backpack electrofishing, stream habitat inventories, wading, surveying, GPS, digital photography, snorkeling and hiking. Trainee will be responsible for providing technical guidance, and aquatic input for portions of Biological Evaluations for forest management projects. Other responsibilities include active participation in the Interdisciplinary Team process and preparation (writing and editing) of specialist input for environmental documents such as Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements. The incumbent is expected to utilize Geographic Information Systems to analyze the planning areas and accurately assess riparian and aquatic conditions on the forest.

**Required Qualifications:**

- A. Degree: major in biological science that included:
- At least 6 semester hours in aquatic subjects such as limnology, ichthyology, fishery biology, aquatic botany, aquatic fauna, oceanography, fish culture, or related courses in the field of fishery biology; and
  - At least 12 semester hours in the animal sciences in such subjects as general zoology, vertebrate zoology, comparative anatomy, physiology, entomology, parasitology, ecology, cellular biology, genetics, or research in these fields.

(Excess course work in aquatic subjects may be used to meet this requirement when appropriate) OR

- B. Combination of education and experience--courses equivalent to a major in biological science (i.e., at least 30 semester hours), of which a minimum of 6 semester hours were in aquatic subjects and 12 semester hours were in the animal sciences, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

For further information on the qualification requirements and/or alternative qualification standards go to:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/IORs/gs0400/0482.htm>

**Forest:**

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest, located in north central California, is the largest national forest in California. It is comprised of 2.1 million acres ranging in elevation from 1,000 feet to 14,162 at the summit of Mt. Shasta. This forest encompasses five wilderness areas, hundreds of mountain lakes and more than 6,000 miles of streams and rivers. In addition, there are wild and scenic rivers, national trails and scenic byways and a National Recreation Area. For further information on the forest, please see [www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity).

**Community:**

The historic town of Weaverville, the county seat, is nestled at the base of the magnificent Trinity Alps Wilderness. It is about 40 miles west of Redding, California, 80 miles south of the California/Oregon border and two hours from the Pacific Coast, It is a full service community of approximately 3,500 people and features a hospital, high school, charter and private schools, satellite junior college campus, restaurants, movie theater, grocery stores, churches, etc. Public transportation is available with a county bus service. The closest commercial airport is in Redding. There is a weekly newspaper in Weaverville and a daily newspaper in Redding.

There are four distinct seasons. Summers are dry with temperatures between 80 and 100 degrees F. Most precipitation falls between mid-October and May, some in the form of snow. Average precipitation is 36 inches for the Weaverville area. The average temperature in January is 32 degrees and 95 degrees in August.

The average 3-bedroom/2-bath house sells for \$280,000 in the Weaverville area. Monthly rental for a 3-bedroom house is about \$750. Housing and rental costs are somewhat lower in surrounding communities. For further information on the community, please see <http://www.weavervilleinfo.com>.

**HOW TO BE CONSIDERED:** Interested candidates must submit the following documentation in support of their application: resume, complete unofficial transcript of all college work, Career Intern Application. The CIP application is available at <http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/CareerInternApplication.htm>. Send completed application package to [lkoch@fs.fed.us](mailto:lkoch@fs.fed.us) by **February 25, 2009**.

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For any technical questions regarding the above position, please contact: Lance Koch, District Ranger at (530)-623-1700 or at [lkoch@fs.fed.us](mailto:lkoch@fs.fed.us)

For additional information, contact: Marilyn Loughrey, Civil Rights Officer at (530)-226-2367 or at [mloughrey@fs.fed.us](mailto:mloughrey@fs.fed.us)