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Utah Forest Restoration Institute
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Seeking Research Manager

The Utah Forest Restoration Institute at Utah State University seek applications for a full-time Research Manager (Researcher Senior) to lead and expand a diverse portfolio of applied research and monitoring projects. These efforts support UFRI's mission to inform the management of healthy, fire-resilient, and climate-adapted forests and woodlands in the state and region.

This position conducts and manages research of local and regional significance and oversees multiple concurrent projects spanning forest and fire ecology, forest disturbances, fuels management, and post-treatment and post-fire monitoring.

Applicants should have extensive expertise and practical experience in forest and fire ecology, management, and monitoring. A demonstrated ability to compile, analyze, communicate, and disseminate field-based research is strongly desired. Successful candidates will also benefit from extensive on-the-ground experience in one or more of Utah's dominant forest types (e.g., dry conifer and mixed conifer forests, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and aspen).

Responsibilities

- Collaboratively develop and manage a portfolio of pre- and post-treatment and post-fire research and monitoring projects
- Maintain communication with UFRI leadership and external partners
- Collaborate with UFRI leadership and internal partners on research and proposal development for external funding

- Lead experimental design and development of field monitoring and analytical protocols
- Oversee collection, quality assurance/quality control, analysis, and archiving of ecological and social science datasets
- Collaborate in the preparation and dissemination of research findings to a wide range of partners, collaborators, and consumers
- Supervise and mentor a cadre of research associates implementing research and monitoring activities, including field and laboratory research, spatial analysis, decision support, and technical writing
- Manage project timelines, deliverables, and budgets to ensure successful completion of work
- Represent UFRI through presentations, outreach, and partner engagement
- Ensure compliance with university, state, and federal rules and regulations and maintain required records
- Perform other job-related duties as needed

Applications will be reviewed as they come in. The anticipated start date is late summer or fall 2026.

Apply Here:

<https://careers-usu.icims.com/jobs/10341/job>

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in forest ecology, forest science, or closely related field
- At least two years of professional experience in academic, government, or other applied research settings
- Expertise in forest and fire ecology and management in Interior West conifer forests

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in the coproduction of forest and fire science
- Experience supervising staff or leading project teams
- Experience disseminating research to land managers and the public through presentations, written materials, and outreach activities
- Experience integrating research across stand, local, and regional scales
- A career-stage appropriate portfolio of publications (not including MDPI or Frontiers journals) that demonstrate the ability to work on a diversity of questions

Application

All application materials must be submitted electronically through the USU Human Resources Jobs website (<https://jobs.usu.edu>). We request a cover letter, a complete CV, and names and e-mail addresses of three references. Potential applicants with specific questions are welcome to contact the search committee chair, Larissa Yocom at larissa.yocom@usu.edu