

# \*\*\*\*\*OUTREACH NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

## USDA FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RESEARCH STATION INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC ISLANDS FORESTRY

**Title:** Research Ecologist / Invasive Species Team Leader

**Duty Location:** Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry  
Hilo, Hawaii

**Series:** Research Ecologist GS-0408-13/14/15

**Grade:** GS-13/14/15

The Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry located in Hilo, Hawaii will be advertising for a term research ecologist (13 month and renewable up to 4 years) who will also serve as the Team Leader of the Invasive Species Team. The research focus of the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry centers upon studies in the forests, mangroves, savannas, and grasslands throughout the US-affiliated islands of the Pacific. Hawaii and the Pacific Islands have remarkable degrees of species endemism but unfortunately more threatened and endangered species than any other state. Invasive species are among the greatest threats to island biodiversity. Currently, more than 1100 exotic plant species are spreading through the Hawaiian landscape. The Forest Service – IPIF has created a powerful science team to address research needs in invasive species ecology and management. The Invasive Species Team provides new information on the ecology of invasive plant species; their impacts on the health, management, and restoration of native forested tropical ecosystems of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands; and ways in which their populations might be limited by development of biological control agents and effective land management

**DUTIES:** The Scientist will have expertise and research experience in plant population, community, and/or landscape ecology. The scientist will lead, plan, and conduct ecological research in terrestrial tropical landscapes of the Pacific Islands. Research will focus on the ecology, impacts, and control of invasive plant species of tropical ecosystems. Experience with interdisciplinary research, grant writing and publishing is essential. The scientist/team leader leads the Invasive Species team comprised of scientists and technical support staff, who address the complexity of invasive species research through a variety of experimental and theoretical approaches. The Invasive Species Team leader is also a member of the Institute's Leadership Team.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work will be conducted in the field, lab, greenhouse and office. Field work will be conducted in tropical forests, grasslands, shrublands or savannas and may necessitate travel and work for extended periods of time on remote islands. Field work will require standing, walking, hiking and strenuous data collection

*For any technical questions regarding the above position, please contact Flint Hughes, Research Ecologist, at the Forest Service: [fhughes@fs.fed.us](mailto:fhughes@fs.fed.us) or by telephone at (808)933-8121 Ext. 117.*

*The position will likely open in June 2008 and will be posted at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)  
If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete the attached form or send an expression of interest with your contact information and send to: [cgiardina@fs.fed.us](mailto:cgiardina@fs.fed.us) or mail to:*

*Attn: Flint Hughes  
Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, USDA Forest Service  
60 Nowelo St., Hilo, HI 96720.*

## Outreach Notice Response Form

**I am interested in the Research Ecologist and Team Leader GS-408-13/14/15 position at the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry in Hilo, Hawai'i and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement.**

**Reply Due : June 2, 2009**

Please complete this form and send to: [fhughes@fs.fed.us](mailto:fhughes@fs.fed.us) or mail to:

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How would you like to be notified about the Vacancy Announcement?     E-mail     Paper copy sent via U.S. mail     Phone

Thank you for your interest

