The Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry will be advertising for a term biological science technician for a 1 year appointment that is renewable for up to 3 additional years. The position will be single graded at the GS 05 level with no promotional potential. The incumbent will support the invasive species team mission of developing insect agents for biological control of invasive plants in forests of Hawaii and other Pacific Islands.

DUTIES: The technician will support research on insect agents for biological control of invasive plants in forests of Hawaii and other Pacific islands. Duties include: assisting with release and monitoring of biocontrol agents in rainforests on the island of Hawaii; monitoring impacts of biocontrol on strawberry guava and associated natural communities; maintaining insect colonies in quarantine; performing routine maintenance and minor repairs in quarantine and plant nursery; collecting and propagating native and introduced plants.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work is performed primarily in rainforest environments where terrain is often uneven, rocky, and covered with thick vegetation, and where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. The employee sometimes may be required to use protective clothing and equipment. Exposure to volcanic fumes is common.

For any technical questions regarding the above position, please contact Tracy Johnson, Research Entomologist, at the Forest Service tracyjohnson@fs.fed.us or by telephone at (808)967-7122.

The position will likely open in March 2008 and will be posted when open at www.usajobs.opm.gov If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please contact by Jan 11, 2008: tracyjohnson@fs.fed.us or:

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