

# OUTREACH NOTICE

**Pathologist GS-11/12  
USDA Forest Service  
Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry  
St. Paul Field Office**

Outreach Opens: December 11, 2018

Outreach Closes: January 11, 2019

This outreach is an early alert to inform potential applicants that the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, State and Private Forestry will soon be advertising a permanent, full-time GS-434-11/12 pathology position. The position is located at the St. Paul Field Office in St. Paul, MN. If you are interested in this position please respond. Responses to this outreach notice will help managers decide how to advertise this position.

The vacancy announcement will be posted on USAJobs at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) in the near future. Interested individuals should respond to this outreach and will be contacted with specific vacancy announcement information when the job is advertised on USAJOBS.

This pathologist serves as a member of a team of entomologists, pathologists and a forester that reports to the Forest Health Group Leader.

This position includes the following duties:

- plan, coordinate and conduct disease detection, evaluation, prevention and suppression projects for native and non-native pathogens
- provide site-specific technical assistance to land managers concerning forest pathogens, including the development of pest management recommendations and alternatives to reduce pest impacts
- organize, plan and conduct forest disease related training programs, presentations, or seminars for various Federal, State, and private land managers
- plan, organize and conduct pilot projects and field tests to determine the value of new technologies to detect, evaluate or manage forest pathogens, and
- coordinate with researchers on new findings and transfer this information to resource managers

The U.S. Forest Service's Eastern Region/Northeastern Area (Area) encompasses 20 states in the Northeast and Midwest as well as the District of Columbia. The St. Paul Field Office is one of three State and Private Forestry Field Offices of the Area. ([www.na.fs.fed.us](http://www.na.fs.fed.us)). The field office delivers both forest health and forest management programs (stewardship, watershed, urban/community forestry) to seven mid-western states. The Forest Health staff also provides assistance to nine National Forests, one national tall grass prairie, and other federal sites managed by the National Park Service, Department of Defense, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.



The large diverse geographic area is part of the challenge and the excitement of working in a productive and highly regarded State and Private Forestry unit. Forests within the Field Office area vary from northern boreal forests to southern hardwoods. Early detection and response to non-native insect and disease invasive species, cooperative pest detection surveys, urban forest health, and invasive plants are part of the workload in the Northeastern Area.

Some examples of forest and shade tree pathology and entomology issues occurring within the St. Paul Field Office are: beech bark disease, oak wilt, Heterobasidion root disease, numerous declines, bur oak blight, gypsy moth, spruce budworm, forest tent caterpillar, emerald ash borer, and hemlock woolly adelgid, as well as detection and survey efforts for walnut twig beetle and exotic/introduced bark beetles.

### Qualifications

The following link connects to a document that provides the basic requirements to qualify for the various grade levels in the professional and scientific series;

<http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=GS-PROF>

The qualifications for a pathologist can be met through a combination of education and experience.

### About the Location

The St. Paul Field Office is located on the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. In recent years Forbes ranked the St. Paul/Minneapolis metropolitan area as one of the nation's healthiest cities and one of the best for business and careers. The area also has a lot to offer the outdoor enthusiast. With over 90,000 miles of shoreline and 929 metro area lakes, and some of the best urban biking and hiking trails, you can hike, bike, paddle, swim or stroll to your heart's content. Ranked as America's most bikeable city (as ranked by Bike Score in 2018), you can hop on a rental bike and experience award-winning dining, high-end shopping, world class museums, and our incredible trail systems in an environmentally sustainable way.

In addition to professional sports teams such as the Minnesota Vikings, the Twins, Minnesota Wild and the Timberwolves, the Twin Cities are known for being home to world-class educational institutions such as the University of Minnesota, Augsburg and Macalester Colleges, the University of St. Thomas and University of St. Catherine. As a result of our emphasis on education, Minneapolis and St. Paul are often noted as having one of the most literate populations and as being one of the best metropolitan areas for raising children. In addition, the Twin Cities house some of the nation's fastest growing companies and ranks second only to California for medical technology industry employment, with a concentration three times that of the nation.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area is the 16<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the US and is home to over 3.5 million people. The median age of residents is 32 years. The racial/ethnic composition for those reporting to the Census (and identifying themselves in one category) is 77.1% Non-Hispanic Whites, 7.8% Black or African American, 2.0% American Indian and Alaska Native, 6.2% Asian, and 5.4% Hispanic and Latino.)

Minnesota is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest state in land area. The remainder of the state consists of western prairies that have largely been converted to intensive agriculture; deciduous forests in the southeast that have been partially cleared, farmed and settled; and the less populated North Woods, used for mining, forestry, and recreation.

#### Contact Information

To express interest in this position please respond to this outreach notice. This will insure that the hiring manager receives your response. If you need additional information please contact Sunny Lucas by email [slucas02@fs.fed.us](mailto:slucas02@fs.fed.us) or by phone (651)-649-5180.

When this job is announced the vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). **Once the announcement is posted, all who responded to the outreach notice will be contacted by email to inform you of the vacancy announcement number.**

**CANDIDATE RESPONSE OUTREACH FORM**  
NORTHEASTERN AREA STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY  
FOREST HEALTH PROTECTION  
**Plant Pathologist GS 0434 11/12**  
**St Paul, MN**

**Please Reply By January 11, 2019**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal Employee?                                  YES                                  NO  
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If YES, Current Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_ Forest/District \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

If **not** a current permanent (career or career conditions) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Person with Disabilities	_____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
_____ Veterans Readjustment	_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
_____ Former Peace Corps	_____ Student Career Experience Program
_____ Volunteer	_____
_____ Other _____	

**Send this completed form via e-mail to Sunny Lucas, Forest Health Group Leader, St Paul Field Office [slucas02@fs.fed.us](mailto:slucas02@fs.fed.us). If you have any questions, feel free to email or call Sunny at 651-649-5180.**

**Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.**  
**USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity employer.**