



WORKING FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Criminal Investigator

If you are looking for a challenging career in natural resource law enforcement, the Forest Service may be of interest to you. Our Law Enforcement and Investigations (LEI) staff is charged with protecting the public, employees, and natural resources across 193 million acres of National Forest System lands – from Alaska to Puerto Rico and throughout the continental United States.

The Work Environment

Criminal investigators plan and conduct examinations and analyses of possible criminal, civil, and administrative law violations as they relate to the National Forest System.

Operating on the Job

As a criminal investigator, you perform a variety of exciting duties, such as:

- Working cooperatively with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies
- Conducting complex criminal investigations involving white-collar crime, money laundering, etc.
- Conducting undercover operations and surveillances
- Presenting cases to U.S. Attorneys

Types of investigations conducted primarily include archeological, timber, drug and fire.

Basic Qualification Requirements

Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study in *any field* leading to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university meets the GS-5 level requirements for most positions. One year of full-time undergraduate study is defined as 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.

Graduate Education: A full year of education at the graduate level at an accredited college or university should qualify a candidate for the requirements of a position at the GS-7 through GS-11 level *if* the

education demonstrates the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for the work. One year of full-time graduate education is considered to be the number of credit hours defined by the school as equivalent to a year of full-time study.



These qualification requirements have been summarized for convenience. Full details are available at www.USAjobs.gov or the www.opm.gov subject index under "Qualifications."

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