

# Position Classification Flysheet for Forestry Technician, GS-0462

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## SERIES DEFINITION

This series includes all positions that primarily require a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of forestry and other biologically based resource management fields. Forestry technicians provide practical technical support in forestry research efforts; in the marketing of forest resources; or in the scientific management, protection, and development of forest resources.

This standard supersedes the standard for the Forestry Technician Series, GS-462, which was issued in June 1972.

## EXCLUSIONS

1. Classify positions that require a professional knowledge of the field of forestry in the [Forestry Series, GS-0460](#).
2. Classify positions that primarily involve the application of a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of surveying in the [Surveying Technician Series, GS-0817](#).
3. Classify positions that primarily provide technical support work in range conservation which involve the application of a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of range conservation in the [Range Technician Series, GS-0455](#).
4. Classify positions that primarily involve work related to providing interpretative services to the resource using public, providing visitor and site protection services, and/or management of natural, cultural and other such resources in a park like setting in the [Park Ranger Series, GS-0025](#).
5. Classify positions primarily concerned with performing technical work related to conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in the [Biological Science Technician Series, GS-0404](#).

## OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

The primary focus of the forestry technician's work in the Federal sector is to support an organization's resource management efforts from intensive, multiple-use natural resource management to such specialties as that of marketing timber or applying tax laws to forest properties. The basic objectives of programs for the intensive management, protection, and development of forest lands and forest resources are (1) to apply sound utilization and conservation practices to the natural resources of publicly managed lands and (2) promote such practices among all forest landowners through example, cooperation, research, and interpretation and dissemination of information (for more information on the field of forestry, see the position classification standard for the [Forestry Series, GS-0460](#)).

Regardless of the mission of an organization, forestry technicians are most commonly found in first level units and are principally concerned with performing work supporting the implementation of projects and program goals. They may be specialists in specific forestry subject matter or specialty areas or in the techniques and practices associated with production oriented work.

## TITLES

*Forestry Aid* is the authorized title for positions at Grades GS-3 and below.

*Forestry Technician* is the authorized title for positions at grades GS-4 and above.

*Lead Forestry Technician* is the authorized title for positions that meet the criteria of the [General Schedule Leader Grade-Evaluation Guide](#).

*Supervisory Forestry Technician* is the authorized title for supervisory positions that meet the criteria in the appropriate [supervisory guide](#).

In addition, agencies may supplement the basic title by adding a parenthetical suffix, where necessary, to identify duties and responsibilities which reflect specific knowledges and skills required in the work.

## EVALUATING POSITIONS

The Forestry Technician Series, GS-0462, is a one grade interval series for purposes of personnel administration. Additional information on the nature of technician work and criteria for determining grade levels are contained in the [Grade Level Guide for Aid and Technician Work in the Biological Sciences, GS-0400](#).