The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station will be advertising for a permanent Entomologist, based in Hilo or Volcano on Hawaii Island. The incumbent will be a member of the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, supporting projects in biological control of invasive plants in forests of Hawaii and other Pacific Islands.

**DUTIES:** The entomologist will conduct biological studies of herbivorous insects, their natural enemies, and their impacts on invasive plants targeted for biocontrol. Work will include lab and field studies of host specificity, development, behavior, population dynamics and impacts of herbivorous insects; maintaining insect colonies; coordinating research activities with technicians and other staff; maintaining research equipment and performing minor repairs; propagating native and introduced plants; and organizing data and preparing reports to support research publications and other communications. The position requires knowledge and skills in insect research and insect-plant interactions across a range of ecological scales. The individual must be able to work with a high degree of independence, reliable judgment, and organizational skill. Research activities are conducted under supervision of a Research Entomologist and in collaboration with unit science and administrative staff, university partners, and land managers.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work will be conducted in office, laboratory and field environments, including rainforests 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 can occur.

*For technical questions regarding this position contact*
Tracy Johnson, tracy.johnson@usda.gov or (808)967-7122.

*If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete attached form.*

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

*To be considered, applicants must be U.S. citizens.*

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Outreach Interest
Entomologist GS-0414-07/09, Hilo/Volcano, Hawaii

If you are interested in this position and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, complete this form and send to Tracy Johnson at tracy.johnson@usda.gov by Jan 9, 2023.

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