



## Hiring Outreach Notice

U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region  
Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest  
[Northwest Avalanche Center](#)



**Positions:** **Meteorological Technician / Avalanche Specialist, GS-1341-8**  
**Full-Time, Temporary Seasonal**  
**Up to 2 Positions**

**Duty Station:** **1 position Sedro-Woolley, WA**  
**1 position Cle Elum, WA**

**Process:** [USAJOBS](#) Anticipated Vacancy Dates: July 2021

The Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest plans to advertise 2 temporary seasonal GS-1341-8 Met Tech / Avalanche Specialist vacancies in the Washington Cascades this summer.

To be considered for these positions you must submit your application before the vacancy close date and adhere to the [USAJOBS](#) application instructions. Cover letters are not required but are encouraged with your USAJOBS application.

Contact: [dennis.damico@nwac.us](mailto:dennis.damico@nwac.us) and [dallas.glass@nwac.us](mailto:dallas.glass@nwac.us) for more information.

### About the Position

This position serves as an Avalanche Specialist (Forecaster) at the Northwest Avalanche Center ([NWAC](#)). The forecaster will join a growing team consisting of fellow avalanche specialists and meteorologists who provide public safety information to the recreating public during the winter season. Learn more [about our program](#) and NWAC's [DEI statement](#).

Administratively, the position is assigned to the Supervisor's Office of the Mt Baker Snoqualmie National Forest in Everett, WA, but **this position will be assigned to a local Forest Service ranger district or office. This 6 month position starts in late October/early November and ends in late April. This is a full-time position with shift work that includes some weekends and holidays.**

We are searching for motivated individuals skilled in building relationships with the public, our professional partners, and within our organization.

### Essential Skills

- Operational avalanche forecasting experience or minimum professional avalanche training
- Track record of safe backcountry travel during winter season
- Ability to conduct professional level snow and avalanche field-work
- Experience interpreting raw meteorological forecast data and observations
- Strong verbal and written skills

### Desired Skills

- Previous experience supporting public safety
- Avalanche educator
- Proficient snowmobiler
- Wilderness First Responder certification
- SAR experience

### Area Information:

The central NWAC forecast office is located in Seattle, however most avalanche forecasters are positioned near field offices and local communities across the Washington Cascades and northern Oregon. The forecaster's Forest Service vehicle will be parked at a Forest Service office or another approved and secure government facility. The NWAC non-profit office is located in North Bend, WA.

**The Sedro-Woolley forecaster's** primary forecast zone will be the West North zone in the Washington Cascades. This zone includes the Hwy 542 corridor and Mt Baker, and Hwy 20 West. This position will also provide forecast support for the West Central zone which includes the Mt Loop Highway.

**The Cle Elum forecaster's** primary forecast zones will include portions of the East Central (Salmon la Sac/Teaaways, Blewett Pass, etc) and entire East South zones (Hwy 410 East, Hwy 12 East, etc).

**Location Note:** NWAC reserves the right to cancel or change the duty location before the official vacancy announcement based on updated program needs.

**Telework:** This position requires regular field work. Regarding office work, NWAC will work with the forecaster to determine whether office work can be accomplished at a Forest Service office or via telework.

**Housing:** Government housing and moving expenses are not provided.

**Travel:** Regular overnight travel is not required. The forecaster will be required to drive a Forest Service vehicle on mountain roads during winter conditions several times a week. The forecaster may haul a snowmobile trailer for field work.