Service Forester (Job Id 18859)

Location: Hot Springs, SD
Agency: Agriculture & Natural Resources
Salary: 20.68-22.73 US

Description

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Agency: Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources/Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry
Location: Hot Springs, SD
Salary: $20.68 - $22.73 per hour; depending on experience
Pay Grade: GH
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

This is a Full-Time 40 Hours Weekly position with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. For more information on the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please visit https://danr.sd.gov/.

This position will be part of the rural forestry team within the division. Duties include forest management assistance, coordinate and administer forestry activities and programs with landowners, local government agencies, and conservation districts; provide technical assistance; write forest stewardship plans; provide educational information to ensure effective conservation practices related to trees, forests, and the protection of the state's resources, tree insect and disease identification and management. Day travel is frequent and overnight trips will average about 2-3 nights per month. Some air travel may be required to attend meetings or trainings out of state.

Normal work hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This position will entail outdoor work in all weather conditions and the ability to walk for extended distances on rough terrain.

Licenses and Certifications:
The successful candidate will be required to obtain a pesticide application certificate from the State of South Dakota, and must have a driver's license.

The Ideal Candidate Will Have:
The ideal candidate for this position will have a degree in forestry or have an extensive formal education and experience in forestry or a related natural resource profession with forestry emphasis. Experience may be substituted for education and experience if that experience has prepared the candidate to successfully carry out the duties of this position.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- dendrology, arboriculture, biology, botany, and biometrics;
- forest ecology, soils, forest mensuration, forest entomology, and forest pathology;
- geographic information systems (ArcGIS) and global positioning systems (GPS);
- horticulture, plant physiology, silviculture, and hydrology;
- range and timber management;
- state and federal laws regulating the use of pesticides;
- forest fire management, forest insects and diseases, tree biology, forest economics, forest planning;
- project design and management, urban forestry, agroforestry, and forest certification programs;
- use a variety of forestry tools and equipment including: clinometers, diameter tapes, prisms, increment borers, biltmore stick, measuring wheel, cruiser axes, data recorders, hypsometers, and compass;
- drive a 4-wheel drive truck and an ATV in a variety of weather conditions;
- use forestry tools for measuring purposes;
- conduct literature and technical reference searches;
• conduct soil survey research;
• use and interpret topographic maps and aerial photography;
• use Microsoft Office products: Word, Outlook, Access, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint;
• upload, download, and interpret digital graphic software, mapping programs, and GPS information;
• write professional and technical reports that can be understood by both professional and lay persons;
• deal tactfully with others;
• communicate effectively;
• work independently with minimal supervision, or with a group in a team setting;
• safely operate a chainsaw;
• speak at public meetings;
• explain complex forestry concepts and practices in easy to understand terms;
• be a self-starter and work under light general supervision;
• collect and analyze extensive resource data and draw logical conclusion from that data;
• good writing skills and the ability to write complex reports on forest management projects.

Additional Requirements: To be considered, please attach your resume.

VETERANS’ PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE

NCRC: If you possess a National Career Readiness Certificate, please submit the certificate with your application. For more information on how to acquire a National Career Readiness Certificate contact a South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Job Service Office. A certificate is not necessary to be considered.

The State of South Dakota does not sponsor work visas for new or existing employees. All persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and complete an Employment Eligibility Verification, Form I-9. The State of South Dakota as an employer will be using E-Verify to complete employment eligibility verification upon hire.

The State of South Dakota offers employer paid health insurance plus eleven paid holidays, generous vacation and sick leave accrual, dental, vision, and other insurance options, and retirement benefits. You can view our benefits information at https://bhr.sd.gov/job-seekers/work-for-state-government/. This position is a member of Class A retirement under SDRS.

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