



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Forestry Commission

5500 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29212

**INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF:
Forester I - Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) - (2 positions available)**

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OPENING DATE: 08/31/21

CLOSING DATE: Continuous

JOB TITLE: Forester I - Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) - (2 positions available)

CLASS CODE: LD50

POSITION NUMBER: 60011487 and 60011489

SLOT NUMBER:

STATE SALARY RANGE:
\$38,682.00 - \$44,372.00 Annually

AGENCY HIRING RANGE - MIN: \$38,682.00
AGENCY HIRING RANGE - MAX: \$44,372.00

LOCATION: Statewide, South Carolina

JOB TYPE: FTE - Full-Time

NORMAL WORK SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday (8:30 - 5:00)

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT SPECIFICS (IF ANY): The office may be located in Columbia, St. George or Walterboro. Please contact Byron Rominger, FIA Hiring Manager, (803) 896-8804, for questions.

AGENCY SPECIFIC APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

If you would like to be considered for this position, you must submit a state application online. Please complete the state application to include all current and previous work history and education. A resume will not be accepted or reviewed to determine if an applicant has met the qualifications for the position. A criminal records check will be conducted prior to an offer of employment. Interested individuals can access www.careers.sc.gov, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Records forest inventory and health monitoring data on forest inventory plots with a degree of accuracy as required by the U.S. Forest Service. Works on a two-person forestry-crew locating forest inventory plots and recording inventory and health monitoring data. Assists in determining ownership and obtaining permission from the owner to enter property where plots are located.

MINIMUM AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

A bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF). Must successfully pass the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis certification field test within the first (1) year of employment. Must become a SC Registered Forester within two (2) years of employment. Applicants are required to submit an unofficial college/university transcript with the state application. The candidate selected for this position, will be required to submit an official, certified copy of his/her transcript or diploma prior to hiring.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Do you have a passion for forestry? Would you like to be part of an organization whose mission is to protect, promote, and enhance South Carolina's forests for the benefit of all? If so, the South Carolina Forestry Commission's (SCFC) Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program has a great job opportunity for you!

We are looking for highly motivated individuals who have an interest in collecting forest resource data on a network of plots located in the Low Country of the State of South Carolina. FIA Foresters are critically important in collecting forest resource data that is used to evaluate the status of the forests of South Carolina.

FIA is the nation's continuous "forest census." The data collected reports on the quantity and condition of our forests. FIA field data are used to analyze and report how much forest exists, where it is located, who owns it, and how it is changing over time. FIA also reports on how well trees are growing, how many have died or been removed, the impact of insects and diseases, and how many acres of forests we are gaining or losing over time. The program projects what forests are likely to look like in 10 to 50 years from now. FIA is the fundamental building block for forest resource managers to assess South Carolina's and America's forests to ensure they are sustainable and available for future generations to enjoy.

The SCFC's FIA program develops its foresters with knowledge and skill sets that will carry an individual throughout their career. Through training and real world experiences, FIA Foresters gain expertise in forest management and silvicultural practices, forest insects and diseases, and tree and invasive plant species identification. In addition, FIA Foresters gain and possess knowledge pertaining to wood utilization, the forest industry, and the potential for trees to become growing stock for commercial use.

The South Carolina Forestry Commission (Commission) Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Forester I is an entry-level position in the professional forester series. The Commission offers a competitive salary structure plan and state benefits that compare to other state and federal forestry positions. The salary structure plan allows for a 3% salary increase after successfully completing a one-year probationary period. In addition, a requisite for Commission foresters is to obtain a forestry license from the South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters within two years of employment. Foresters receiving their Registered Forester license are eligible for a 7% salary increase and costs are reimbursed by the Commission for obtaining the credential. Also, the Commission's salary structure plan provides a mechanism to compensate employees for career development and training. All salary increases are based on the availability of funds.

For information about the State of South Carolina employee benefits, please visit www.peba.sc.gov.

DRIVING RECORD: If this position requires the applicant to possess a valid driver's license to operate a state vehicle or personal vehicle, any applicant being considered in the final stages of selection for the position may be required to provide a certified copy of a 10-year driving record.

South Carolina is making our veterans a priority for employment in state agencies and institutions. Click [here](#) for eligibility requirements.

The South Carolina Forestry Commission (SCFC) is committed to equal opportunity and non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, gender, pregnancy, genetic information or military status (including reserves).

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Supplemental Questionnaire**

- * 1. Supplemental Questions are considered part of your official application. Any misrepresentation will result in your disqualification from employment. Please complete the state application to include all current and previous work experience and education. This includes any military service (indicate rank) and job-related volunteer work that you feel qualifies you for the position. Failure to provide detailed and complete work-related information may result in your application being rejected. A resume will not be accepted or reviewed to determine if an applicant has met the qualifications for the position. I have read and acknowledge the above statement.

Yes No

- * 2. Applicants are required to submit an unofficial college/university transcript with the state application. The candidate selected for this position, will be required to submit an official, certified copy of his/her transcript or diploma prior to hiring. Did you submit a copy of your college/university transcript with this application?

Yes No

- * 3. If this position requires the applicant to possess a valid driver's license to operate a state vehicle or personal vehicle, any applicant being considered in the final stages of selection for the position will be required to provide a certified copy of a 10-year driving record. I have read and understand this statement.

Yes No

- * 4. Do you have a bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters?

Yes No

- * 5. Are you willing to accept a starting salary between \$38,682 - \$44,372?

Yes No

- * 6. Are you willing to work out of the office in Columbia?

Yes No

- * 7. Are you willing to work out of the office in St. George?

Yes No

- * 8. Are you willing to work out of the office in Walterboro?

Yes No

- * Required Question

