

Forest Restoration Technician Job Opening

Position Title: Forest Restoration Technician

Application and Job Start Timeline: Rolling applications until position filled.

Work Location: Based out of Asheville, NC (mostly work in Western North Carolina)

Starting Salary: \$17/hour (no benefits), 30-40 hours per week. Largely weather dependent work.

Mission Statement: EcoForesters is a non-profit professional forestry organization dedicated to conserving and restoring our Appalachian forests through education and stewardship.

Position Description: Restoring forests for landowners, primarily through the control of non-native invasive plants by applying herbicide, as well as other forest stand improvement and forestry work as needed. The employee will be supervised directly by the Restoration Crew Leader(s) and the Stewardship Director, Krishun Karau, and will work with other staff to strategically control less desirable (e.g., invasive) plants on private, conserved, and public lands. Other forest stand improvement work includes thinnings, crop tree release, and occasional planting or trail work. This is challenging but rewarding outdoor work. Your work will be contributing to the ecological health of the forests of western North Carolina.

We are willing to train any motivated individuals who like hard, rewarding outdoor work improving forests.

Requirements:

1. Must be proficient in (or want to quickly learn) identification of invasive plant species and native look-a-likes.
2. Must be capable of physically strenuous field work in remote locations (usually within several miles of road), on difficult terrain (steep, mountainous, thick understory vegetation) in adverse conditions (hot, cold, or rain).
3. Must be able to follow strategic and specific instructions.
4. Must be able to work well with others, maintain a positive attitude, and be flexible with changing circumstances.
5. Must be proficient at (or want to quickly learn) using a compass, GPS, and reading maps.
6. Has their own cell phone and reliable transportation.

Preferences:

1. Working towards, or has, a forestry or natural resource degree (or closely related field), or equivalent education/experience.
2. Experience in forestry, farming, conservation, ecological restoration, landscaping, or equivalent outdoor job.
3. Experience in the identification of Southern Appalachian tree, shrub, and herb layer species.
4. Experience using herbicides.
5. Experience and knowledge of southern Appalachian forest ecosystems and their management.

Please submit a resume and brief cover letter to: Krishun Karau at kkarau@ecoforesters.org