



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
**Forestry Commission**

5500 Broad River Road  
Columbia, SC 29212

**INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF:  
FIA - Forester I**

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**OPENING DATE:** 02/02/23

**CLOSING DATE:** Continuous

**JOB TITLE:** FIA - Forester I

**CLASS CODE:** LD50

**POSITION NUMBER:** 61137502/61137503

**SLOT NUMBER:**

**STATE SALARY RANGE:**

\$39,843.00 - \$45,700.00 Annually

**AGENCY HIRING RANGE - MIN:** \$39,843.00

**AGENCY HIRING RANGE - MAX:** \$45,700.00

**LOCATION:** Richland County, South Carolina

**JOB TYPE:** Temporary Grant - Full-Time

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

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:**

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT SPECIFICS (IF ANY):**

**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](http://www.careers.sc.gov), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Works on a two-person forestry crew locating forest inventory plots and recording inventory and health monitoring data as instructed with a degree of accuracy required by the U.S. Forest Service - Southern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit. Assist in determining ownership and obtaining permission from the owner to enter property where plots are located. Transmits completed data to U.S. Forest Service. Attends training sessions related to the Forest Inventory and Analysis program and other required or voluntary South Carolina Forestry Commission training. Attends South Carolina forestry activities as appropriate and performs other duties as

assigned.

### **MINIMUM AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

A bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Must successfully pass the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis certification test within the first year of employment.

A copy of the unofficial/official transcript must be included with the application.

### **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

\*The duty station for this position is located at 39 General Henderson Rd, Newberry, SC 29108\*

Applicants indicating college credit or degree(s) on the application may upload an unofficial copy of the transcript as an attachment to the application. Please note that the agency will require an official, certified copy of the transcript or diploma prior to hiring.

Spring 2023 graduates may be considered for employment, effective June 2, 2023, contingent upon receipt of a bachelor's degree in Forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF). You will be required to submit a certified official college transcript prior to the first day of employment. You will be considered ineligible for employment if you fail to obtain a bachelor's degree in Forestry from a college or university accredited by SAF or provide a certified official college transcript prior to the first day of employment.

**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 will 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 nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, gender, pregnancy, genetic information or military status (including reserves).

**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 Upstate and Piedmont Regions of South Carolina. FIA Foresters are critically important in collecting forest resource data that are 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.

Temporary grant employees may be moved into FTE positions if state funding and the FTE positions are available, upon the end of the temporary grant.

We encourage spring graduates to apply for these positions.

**\*\*If you have questions, please contact Byron Rominger, FIA Hiring Manager at (803) 896-8804.\*\***

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## **FIA - Forester I 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 you 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 indicating college credit or degree(s) on the application may upload an unofficial copy of the transcript as an attachment to the application. Please note that the agency will require an official, certified copy of the transcript or diploma prior to hiring. I have read and understand this statement.  
 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 may 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. Have you attached a copy of the unofficial/official transcript?

Yes  No

6. Are you willing to accept a starting salary of \$39,843 - \$45,700?

Yes  No