

Forester or Forestry Associate Job Opening – 2023

Position Title: Forester or Forestry Associate

Application Period: *The sooner the better, rolling applications until candidate found, but preferred by July 1 2023.*

Starting work as soon as possible.

Work Location: Asheville NC, but *some* remote, home-office work is possible; regular field work within an hour drive of Asheville NC is required.

Salary: \$18.50-\$25/hour (*no* benefits) depending on experience (\$22+/hr for NC Registered Forester). Flexible schedule: Up to 40 hrs/week available, Minimum 30 hrs/week expected.

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

Purpose of Position: Assess forestlands and write comprehensive ecological forest stewardship plans that improve the ecological, economic, and social benefits provided by our clients' forests. Assist in, or *lead*, invasive plant control, forest stand improvement work, as well as timber sales & appraisals. Other work as needed to support EcoForesters' mission.

Requirements:

1. Must be self-motivated and willing to take initiative on projects after training.
2. Must have, or be working toward, a degree in forestry, natural resources, or closely related field, or 2+ years relevant experience.
3. Must be a good writer, able to clearly write reports that describe forest conditions and stewardship recommendations.
4. Must be proficient in basic GPS and GIS applications.
5. Must be able to work well with others.
6. Must be skilled in the collection of forestry and ecological field data.
7. Must be skilled in the identification of southern Appalachian tree species and non-native invasive plants.
8. Must be adept at using a compass, GPS, and reading maps to navigate in rough, remote terrain.
9. Must be capable of field work alone in remote locations (usually within a mile of a road), on difficult terrain (steep, mountainous, thick understory vegetation) in adverse conditions (hot, cold, or rain).
10. Must be skilled in data management and analysis with programs such as Microsoft Excel.

Preferences:

1. Qualified to become an NC Registered Forester, that is: working towards, or has, an SAF-approved degree, or equivalent educational background.
2. Two years or more of experience working in forestry or related profession.
3. Knowledge and experience in forest management and forest stand improvement (e.g. invasive control, crop tree release, free thinning) and supervising others in such work.
4. Is a strong writer with ample experience preparing reports that describe forest conditions and stewardship recommendations
5. Is skilled in the use of GIS and GPS.
6. Has experience and is comfortable interacting with clients, giving public presentations, and supervising employees.
7. Is experienced in the collection of forestry and ecological field data and in the identification of southern Appalachian tree species and natural communities.
8. Has experience and knowledge of southern Appalachian forest ecosystems and their management.
9. Has experience using software such as Microsoft Excel and/or Access to organize, store, and analyze forestry data using all standard forestry metrics (e.g. BA, TPA, MBF).
10. Is skilled in forest finance, wildlife management, water resource management, botany, educational outreach, and/or other related skill sets that can enhance the services provided by EcoForesters or the development of our organization.

Submit Resume, Cover Letter, and forest management writing sample to: Andy Tait, co-Executive/Forestry Director,

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