
Timber Management (Service Forester)(Job Id 8202)

Location: Custer

Post Date: 04/27/2017

Agency: Game Fish & Parks

Close Date: 05/25/2017

Employment Type: Permanent Employee

Description

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Agency: Department of Game, Fish and Parks; Division of Parks and Recreation

Location: Custer State Park

Salary:\$16.12 - \$19.00 per hour, depending on experience

Grade: GH

This position will be a member of an integrated resource management team of forestry, wildlife, bison, range and wildland fire natural resource professionals. Custer State Park has over 71,000 acres of managed lands and maintains active natural resource management programs. This is a unique opportunity to gain a valuable and diverse set of skills; implements, coordinates, and administers forestry activities and programs within Custer State Park as a Timber Management Forester; and provides educational information to ensure effective conservation practices related to trees and forests and the protection of the state's resources. Duties include writing stand level forestry prescriptions, timber sale preparation and administration, log scaling, non-commercial thinning setup and administration, forest inventory, wildland fire suppression, hazard tree ID and removal, timber sale cleanup. The incumbent will also be encouraged to participate in wildland firefighting activities.

A valid driver license is required and the incumbent must be able to obtain a Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) within 90 days of hire date to retain employment; and will be subject to pre-employment, random, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, follow-up, and return-to-duty drug and alcohol testing.

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 Local Office.

The Ideal Candidate Will Have:

Wildland fire training and experience are preferred.

Knowledge of:

- basic principles and practices of silviculture;

- principles, practices, and methods of forest management;
- forest mensuration and harvesting;
- dendrology, arboriculture, biology, biometrics, and botany;
- forest ecology, entomology, and pathology;
- geographic information systems (GIS);
- hydrology and plant physiology;
- range and wildland fire management.

Skill to:

- use forestry tools for measuring purposes;
- deal tactfully with others;
- communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to:

- conduct literature and technical reference searches;
- compile and analyze information and data and draw sound and reasonable conclusions;
- use and interpret topographic maps;
- use Microsoft Office products to include Word, Outlook, Access, and Power Point;
- use digital graphic software, mapping programs, and GPS information including uploading and down loading;
- write professional and technical reports that can be understood by both professional and lay persons.

Additional Requirements: To be considered, attach your responses to the questions below. Your responses must be clear, concise, and numbered.

1. This position requires you to have an excellent understanding of forestry field measurements and the ability to use traditional and modern technological tools in the forestry field. Describe in detail your practical experience with forest measurements. What tasks have you had and what tools have you used?
2. This position requires you to do a considerable amount of thinning and timber sale preparation as well as contract administration. What is your experience in laying out thinning and timber sale boundaries, and also contract administration? Describe in detail your practical experience in thinning/timber sale preparation and contract administration. What information and tools would you plan to use for each of these tasks?
3. What is your experience in the application of the art and science of silviculture? Discuss any silviculture prescription writing exercises with which you have been involved. Be as detailed as possible and attach any pertinent documents.
4. What is your experience with ArcGIS, GPS, and handheld data recorders?

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