



Forester

Huntsville, Texas

Major Duties: This position is considered a training position with a training/mentoring period up to 2 or more years. During this training time the Forester position will be located at a TFS office with a District Forester or Regional Forester. Once the training period is complete the employee will be expected to relocate to fill vacancies in TFS offices, if vacancies exist, to assume the duties of a District Forester I.

Equipping NIPF landowners to make informed decisions regarding forest land management. Includes local administration of rural forestry programs, local leadership pertaining to natural resource issues, community and urban forestry, and direct landowner assistance.

Delivery of Agency public affairs programs, including: conservation education activities and participation in local economic development organizations. May require periods of long travel in a motor vehicle and extended night and weekend work in conjunction with volunteer organizations.

Under the direction of the Urban District Forester or Regional Forester, supervision of Staff and management of local agency service programs. Includes oversight of employee activities, facilities, training, grounds, equipment, reporting, etc.

Support of local county forest landowners association(s), Texas Master Gardener and Texas Master Naturalist programs and a variety of for profit and non-profit organizations. Includes attending board and membership meetings, assisting with meeting programs, and development of association newsletter.

Administration and support of local protection and emergency response programs in rural and urban interface – urban and rural forest pest mitigation, wildland fire suppression, capacity building, etc. Be able to work weekends and afterhours to reach audience.

May include long hours in a harsh environmental conditions such as smoke, wind, rain, and extreme temperatures. Persons serving in emergency response must meet a physical fitness standard which includes successfully completing a 2-mile walk in 30 minutes or less with a 25 pound pack and obtain required NWCG training and Red Card Certification as determined by TFS Red Card Committee.

Emergency response may result in exposure to emotionally stressful situations for extended periods of time. Must carry cell phone to facilitate 24/7 communications. Must live within 30 minutes of workstation to facilitate rapid after-hours fire response. Employee must manage/account for assigned credit cards in accordance with state law and agency policies.

Work Experience: None required.

Educational Qualifications: BSF from SAF accredited School of forestry.

Comments: Have or obtain a Texas Class B license within 6 months of hire; Class A within 24 months of hire. Experience in training in environmental education programming and outreach. Have good oral and written communication skills. Working knowledge of PC-based programs and software. Work may include out-of-town travel.

Closing Date: Open until a suitable candidate is identified

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