

Job no: 503460

Position type: Full-Time 12-Month

Department: 080200 - Forest Operations

Location: Main Campus - Starkville, MS

Categories: Professional

Position Open Date: Dec 9 2021

Position Function:

This position, within the Forest & Wildlife Research Center (FWRC), will manage and perform a variety of tasks in support of the research, teaching, demonstration, recreation, and revenue functions of university forestlands and facilities.

Salary Grade: 13

Please see [Staff Compensation Structure](#) or [Skilled Crafts and Service Maintenance Compensation Schedule](#) for salary ranges. For salary grade UC, these positions are "Unclassified" and salary ranges are determined by the hiring department.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Assist in managing forest operations on supported forestlands and coordinate these activities to meet the objectives as needed for each property and ensure compliance with Mississippi Best Management Practices (BMP's) and forestland certification programs.
2. Manage inventory data collection, data input, and standing data on lands managed by the Office of the Forest Supervisor.
3. Coordinate regeneration operations including site preparation, planting, release, and survival audits
4. Assist in management of timber sales including stand layout and preparation, document preparation, bid coordination, and oversight of harvest activities and BMP work
5. Assist in coordination of maintenance of roads, property lines, signage, gates, and locks
6. Assist with prescribed fire planning and implementation
7. Manage recreational activities and related facilities on forestlands
8. Support the functions of the Forest Supervisor and assist with duties as assigned. Coordinate and/or support special projects and events such as tours, field days, student labs etc.
9. Maintain professional certifications and associations ensuring continuing education requirements are met.
10. Supervise the work and safety of student, part time, and intermittent workers.
11. Assist with upkeep of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the College of Forest Resources buildings and grounds.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from an SAF accredited forestry school OR a combination of relevant education and experience

Possession of a valid drivers license

Preferred Qualifications:

At least 2 years of experience in forestry with similar duties and responsibilities as stated above
Excellent GIS/GPS skills utilizing modern forestry inventory systems

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively with university officials, alumni, friends, and various constituencies of FWRC
- Strong computing background with demonstrated experience in applying technology to achieve productivity
- Regularly involves lifting, bending or other physical exertion. Often exposed to one or more elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., with one often to the point of being objectionable. Injuries may require professional treatment.

Working Conditions and Physical Effort

Job frequently requires standing, walking, sitting, reaching, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands, and lifting up to 50 pounds.

Job occasionally requires climbing or balancing, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, and lifting more than 100 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

Instructions for Applying:

Link to apply: <http://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/>

Applicants must apply on line at www.jobs.msstate.edu. Applicant must attach a letter of application, resume and complete contact information for three professional references.

Restricted Clause:

Position is contingent upon continued availability of funding.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement:

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, pregnancy, gender identity, status as a U.S. veteran, and/or any other status protected by applicable law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.

What do I do if I need an accommodation?

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