



Conservation Forester (Chadron, NE)

Position Information

<u>Working Title:</u>	Conservation Forester
<u>Department:</u>	Nebraska Forest Service-0889
<u>Requisition Number:</u>	S_220547
<u>Posting Open Date:</u>	05/12/2022
<u>Application Review Date:</u> <u>(To ensure consideration,</u> <u>please submit all</u> <u>application materials</u> <u>before review date)</u>	06/15/2022
<u>Posting Close Date:</u>	
<u>Open Until Filled:</u>	Yes
<u>Location:</u>	Chadron, NE

Description of Work:

The Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) provides technical and financial assistance to clients across Nebraska emphasizing rural forestry, community forestry, forest fuels reduction, forest health, forest products utilization and fire protection. Our mission is to enrich the lives of Nebraskan's by protecting, restoring and utilizing Nebraska's tree and forest resources.

NFS is seeking enthusiastic, qualified applicants to join our team of dedicated staff working towards improving the health, resiliency and sustainability of Nebraska's trees and forests. Providing direct, technical assistance to stakeholders related to the program focus area, the Forester will play a key role in providing the resources necessary for clients to achieve their tree and forestry goals.

Program Focus Area:

This position will implement tree and forestry management programming across northwest Nebraska. Technical assistance will include working with individuals, businesses, and communities to increase their trees and forests' productivity, resiliency, and sustainability. These activities include working with public and private landowners to develop management plans for their property and administering financial assistance programs to implement forest management. The forester will also lead local collaborative efforts with agency partners and communities to lead impactful forest management projects and identify future program opportunities to address regional forestry needs. The person will coordinate local forestry training and workshops and develop communication materials. Position located in Chadron, NE.



The University of Nebraska-Lincoln seeks to attract and retain a high performing and diverse workforce in which employees' differences are respected and valued to better meet the varying needs of the diverse populations we serve. The university fosters a diverse and inclusive work environment that promotes collaboration so that all individuals are able to participate and contribute to their full potential. As an EO/AA employer, qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation. See: <http://www.unl.edu/equity/notice-nondiscrimination>.

Minimum Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or equivalency in forestry, natural resources, horticulture, entomology or closely related field plus one year of experience providing assistance with tree and forest management, natural resources management, forest products, horticulture, entomology or closely related field.
- Equivalent education may include a combination of formal post-secondary education with at least 24 credit hours in biological sciences, natural resources, wildland fire management, forestry, or agriculture; OR arborist certification from ISA; OR NWCG qualifications (e.g. Engine Boss or similar level) appropriate for position focus area.
- Demonstrated ability to engage with individuals, communities, partners or businesses.
- Ability to respond to stakeholders' forestry or natural resources needs.
- Ability to develop, implement and maintain projects and activities, including documenting progress and preparing reports.
- Ability to effectively cooperate with private landowners, the general public, cooperators and peers.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in written form.
- Self-starter with proven record of organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently under the guidance of the supervisor.
- Substantial knowledge relevant to position focus area.
- Must have a valid driver's license and meet University driver eligibility requirements.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resources, horticulture, entomology or closely related field.
- Four years of experience providing assistance with tree and forest management, natural resources management, forest products or closely related field.
- Demonstrated interpersonal, communication, leadership and teamwork skills.
- Knowledge of Great Plains forestry, tree care, timber harvesting, wood utilization and/or wildfire issues.
- Knowledge of GPS, ArcGIS, word processing, spreadsheet and data management software.



Pre-Placement Driving Record Review Required: Yes

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required. Subject to DOT approved pre-employment & random testing for alcohol and controlled substances No

Physical Required: No

Criminal History Background Check Required: Yes

Posted Salary: \$53,194 minimum

How to Apply: <https://employment.unl.edu/postings/79328>. Click on "Apply for this Job". You will then either create an application or edit your current application that is on file. You will be required to attach your resume, cover letter and list of references as three (3) separate documents in MS Word or PDF format.

For questions or accommodations related to this position contact: Rachel Allison
rachel.allison@unl.edu

Job Category (old): Managerial/Professional

Job Type: Full-Time

Alternate Work Schedule (if other Than 8-5) Occasional evening & weekend hours required

Position funded by grant or other form of temporary funding? Yes

Planned Hire Date: To be arranged

Required Documents

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter
3. List of References