



Conservation Forester - Wildland Urban Interface (North Platte, NE)

Position Information

<u>Working Title:</u>	Conservation Forester - Wildland Urban Interface (North Platte, NE)
<u>Department:</u>	Nebraska Forest Service-0889
<u>Requisition Number:</u>	S_221212
<u>Posting Open Date:</u>	10/21/2022
<u>Application Review Date: (To ensure consideration, please submit all application materials before review date)</u>	12/02/2022
<u>Posting Close Date:</u>	
<u>Open Until Filled:</u>	Yes
<u>Location:</u>	North Platte, 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 landowners and agencies related to the position focus area, the forester will play a key role in providing the resources necessary for clients to achieve their forestry and wildfire mitigation goals.

Position Focus Area:

The forester will work in southwest Nebraska to reduce wildfire risk by designing and overseeing the implementation of fuels reduction projects on public and private lands. These activities include conducting site visits with landowners, performing fieldwork for forest data collection (GPS, GIS, forest measurement hand tools), developing management plans, and administering financial assistance programs. The forester will also work within local partnerships with agencies and communities to identify wildfire mitigation needs and pursue future program opportunities. Based on experience and qualifications, this person will also be able to assist with local wildfire response. The person will coordinate local forestry training and workshops and develop communication materials. The position will be located 10 miles SW of North Platte, 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

Physical Required: No

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



**Criminal History
Background Check
Required:** Yes

Posted Salary: \$55,394 minimum

How to Apply: <https://employment.unl.edu/postings/82450>. 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:** Lana Merani
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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