

## Job Description

### Forest Stewardship Specialist

Location: Nashville, TN

Salary: \$3,206 - \$5,127/monthly

#### **Job Description:**

The Forest Stewardship Specialist resides within the Forest Health and Sustainability Unit and serves as the division technical experts for Forest Stewardship, Forest Legacy, silviculture, and forest management statewide. They are responsible with securing grant funding and coordinating the Forest Stewardship and Forest Legacy programs.

#### **Specific Job Duties:**

##### **PLANNING**

1. Identifies, coordinates, and implements programmatic improvement opportunities.
2. Coordinates with Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee, Forest Legacy Coordinating Committee sister state agencies, federal partners, non-government organizations and other stakeholders to accomplish national, regional, and state priorities.
3. Identifies and permanently protects environmentally important, working private forestlands threatened with conversion to non-forest uses through Forest Legacy program implementation.
4. Seeks and secures grant revenue to fund forest management and Forest Legacy programs and projects.
5. Seeks opportunities and partnerships to improve and grow forest management programs with stakeholders and the public.
6. Works as a part of a dynamic team of other program specialists, regional foresters, and seasonal employees to develop and execute holistic forest management programs.

##### **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Provides training and outreach to TDF personnel, landowners, and partners on forest management programs, new silvicultural research and techniques.

2. Provides programmatic expertise for development of strategic planning documents, manuals, and workflows.
3. Develops and maintains cooperative partnerships with federal and state agencies, industry, and other non-government organizations to promote forest management and Forest Legacy program objectives in the state.
4. Responsible for all aspects of the Forest Legacy program including project solicitation/development; program/project funding; project implementation/acquisition; and the monitoring, management, and enforcement of Forest Legacy acquisitions.
5. Monitors, analyses, and reports on Forest Stewardship program activities, accomplishment, and performance data.
6. Serves as the Division's subject matter expert on silviculture.
7. Serves as Division's subject matter expert for ArcGIS Pro Landowner assistance database.

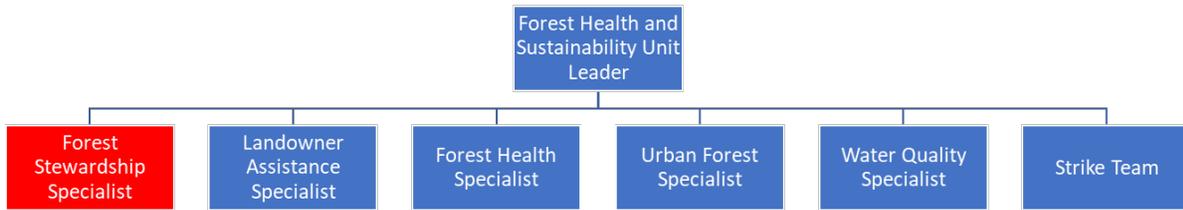
**Application link can be found on the Tennessee Division of Forestry's Careers page:**

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/employment-opportunities.html>

For more information, please contact:

**NATHAN HOOVER** | Forest Health and Sustainability Unit Leader  
Department of Agriculture  
Ellington Agricultural Center  
P.O. Box 40627 Melrose Station, Nashville, TN 37204  
o. 615-837-5552, c. 615-289-7373, f. 615-837-5003  
[nathan.hoover@tn.gov](mailto:nathan.hoover@tn.gov)  
[www.tn.gov/agriculture](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture)

**Organization:**



## Nashville, TN

Nashville is one of the fastest growing cities in the nation and is considered an “It” city, where people from all walks of life come to settle in. It earned its nickname “Music City” in the 1950s as the global center for the entertainment industry. It is not unusual for a headlining music star to surprise a crowd with an impromptu performance down on the famous Broadway in downtown. In addition to honky tonks and music venues, Nashville also boasts two major league sports teams, the Tennessee Titans and the Nashville Predators. If sports aren’t your thing, Nashville’s entertainment options also include a symphony orchestra, ballet and theatre companies, museums and art galleries and numerous festivals and events nearly throughout the year!

Nashville resides in the middle Tennessee region, which provides genuine Southern hospitality and an unparalleled access to Tennessee’s natural resources. Its rolling hills and fertile valleys make it the perfect location for farms and wineries where the extensive cave system and the limestone water are ideal for making whiskey and bourbon. Outdoor recreation is abundant with several lakes, streams, hiking trails and golf courses within a 10 mile radius of any location.

## Division Background

The Tennessee Division of Forestry (TDF) celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2014. One of the Division’s first missions was to plant trees on eroded and abandoned farm land in the western part of the state. Over the decades, TDF has grown to protect, conserve, and enhance Tennessee’s 14 million acres of forest land through forest health protection, rural and urban forest management, wildfire and prescribed fire management, water quality protection, forest business services, state forest management and conservation education. Today, TDF employs over 400 personnel statewide and is well known as the wildfire and forest health experts. The Division resides within the Tennessee Department of Agriculture whose mission is to promote wise uses of Tennessee’s agricultural and forest resources, to develop economic opportunities, and to ensure safe and dependable food, fuel, and fiber for all citizens.