

Job Description

Area Forester- Forester 3

Location: Statewide, TN

Salary: \$3,053 - \$4, 885/month

*This posting is for 5 Area Forester vacancies:

(2) Highland Rim District, (2) Cumberland District, (1) East Tennessee District.

- **Highland Rim District** vacancies cover Stewart, Montgomery and Cheatham Counties; and Lawrence, Giles, Maury and Williamson Counties
- **Cumberland District** vacancies covers Clay, Pickett and Overton Counties; and Dekalb, Cannon, Warren and Coffee Counties
- **East Tennessee District** vacancy covers Morgan, and Roane Counties

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The Area Forester is the Division of Forestry's field forester. The Area Forester is responsible for all division programs in their area of responsibility. In addition to private forest management, these programs include forest protection and health, water quality, urban forestry and forest industry promotion and assistance. The Area Forester works under the direct supervision of the District Forester.

Specific Job Duties:

PLANNING

1. Authors written forest management plans and prescription plans such as cost-share tree planting plans, forest health management plans and Stewardship plans
2. Provides planning and technical advice through group settings like County Forestry Associations, urban communities, and other organizations
3. Partners with other government agencies to promote the mission of the Division of Forestry

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Implements state forestry programs such as wildland fire mitigation, rural and urban forest management, water quality protection, forest health and landowner assistance in several counties

2. Provides seasonal fire suppression activity in several counties and may participate in suppression activities in any area of the State
3. Conducts forestry outreach and education programs to a variety of age and demographic group within several counties

FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Follows all state purchasing processes and policies and ensures those same policies and processes are adhered to by both direct reports and indirect reports
2. Processes billing information of vendor services activities performed by Division personnel

SUPERVISION

1. Directly supervises 1-3 Forest Technicians
2. Develops annual Individual Performance Plans and conducts interim and annual reviews for direct reports
3. Indirectly supervises several county forestry crews

Application link can be found on the Tennessee Division of Forestry's Careers page:
<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/employment-opportunities.html>

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You must send a copy of transcripts to the contact person above

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.