

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

The STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL FORESTER WORKER performs a variety of technical duties in the practice of forestry. Work may be in the areas of forest management, forest engineering, forest fire control, or forest conservation.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is a single classification and not currently part of a series of classes. This is a seasonal position generally filled by college-level forestry students.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Timber Sale Preparation.** Typical tasks: assists with timber sale preparation by reconnoitering timber sale areas for location of sale boundaries, roads, and landings; posting timber sale boundaries and right-of-way boundaries; running grade lines and centerlines for road locations; cruising timber.
2. **Reforestation.** Typical tasks: assists in reforestation administration by monitoring site preparation, animal control, tree planting, vegetation management, and precommercial thinning contractors, to determine compliance with contract specifications; reports discrepancies to forester.
3. **Forest Engineering.** Typical tasks: assists in forest surveying by serving as head chainperson brushing survey lines, setting survey points, setting electronic distance meter reflectors, searching for original survey evidence, computing survey data, and drafting pencil originals of surveys.
4. **Forest Fire Suppression.** Typical tasks: driving small fire engines, setting up portable tanks and pumps, laying out hoses, nozzles, and related fittings in a predetermined manner for the most effective fire control action, digging fire trails, and mopping up fires.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

Employees in this class may be required to work individually or as part of a crew. Depending upon the work situation, employees may be in regular contact with other forestry workers, forest landowners, forest industry, the public, and other public agencies.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Employees in this class receive close supervision from their supervisor or another member of the work unit. Work is assigned in detail and reviewed daily. Work generally follows established procedures and guidelines and employees have very little authority to make independent decisions. Guidelines and instruction are identified by the supervisor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Work is performed in a forest environment and can require sustained physical effort.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA)

Basic knowledge of northwest silvicultural practices.

Basic knowledge of forest operation and harvesting methods.

Basic knowledge of land surveying principles.

Ability to perform prolonged and strenuous physical labor.

Ability to follow oral and written instruction and safely perform assigned tasks.

Ability to learn to use small tools and equipment.

Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather.

Ability to work around forest fires.

Ability to keep accurate, detailed records of work accomplished.

Ability to use, operate, and maintain specialized equipment.

Ability to obtain a driver's license.

NOTE: The KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS are required for initial consideration. ABILITIES may be required for initial consideration, at any time during the selection process, or during a trial service period as a final stage of the selection process. Some duties performed by positions in this class may require different KSA's. No attempt is made to describe every KSA required for **all** positions in this class. Additional KSA requirements will be explained on the recruiting announcement.

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Revised

Examples of work are typical of duties assigned to this class. No attempt is made to describe every duty performed by all positions in this class.