

OPRD Salem Headquarters Assistant Park Forester FAQ's



Forest management at Oregon State Parks? Of course! Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) considers actively managing the forested lands within the State Parks necessary to maintain healthy and diverse forests that visitors can enjoy for years to come.

Where is the Forester position geographically located?

This position will work out of the Salem headquarters office for Oregon Parks and Recreation. This is a central location for the State so that you can reach a good portion of the State within a few hours of travel time. The job will require you to travel all over the State with an average of three to four overnight stays a month.

What can you expect as the Assistant Park Forester for OPRD?

The forester position at OPRD will be one of two that manage the State Park forest ecosystems across the entire state. The position will utilize the full complement of forest management skills, from vegetation typing, inventory and cruising, variable density thinning, forest health restoration, tree removal around infrastructure, young stand management, contract development and administration, tree planting and hazard tree identification/arborist skills. The challenges are great – managing ecosystems across the full spectrum of forest types across all of Oregon in some of the highest recreational use areas in the United States requires proficiency in public relations and communications as well as the full suite of forest management skills.

Who will I be working with?

You'll be working in the Stewardship Division of OPRD alongside a team of fifteen other resource specialist and property agents within the division.

What are some of the projects done in the recent past/upcoming?

“Bear Ridge” Forest Thinning “Silver Falls State Park”



Forest Restoration “Chandler State Wayside”



Forest Thinning “Joaquin Miller State Park” (upcoming)



OPRD is seeking a highly motivated individual that enjoys working in the field, developing and managing projects, consulting with many Park Managers and Rangers across the State and working in the most spectacular locations across the state of Oregon.

If you have more questions about the job inquire with our Human Resources Division and if they can't get the answers you need they will put you in touch with the Park Forester.