

Career Opportunities

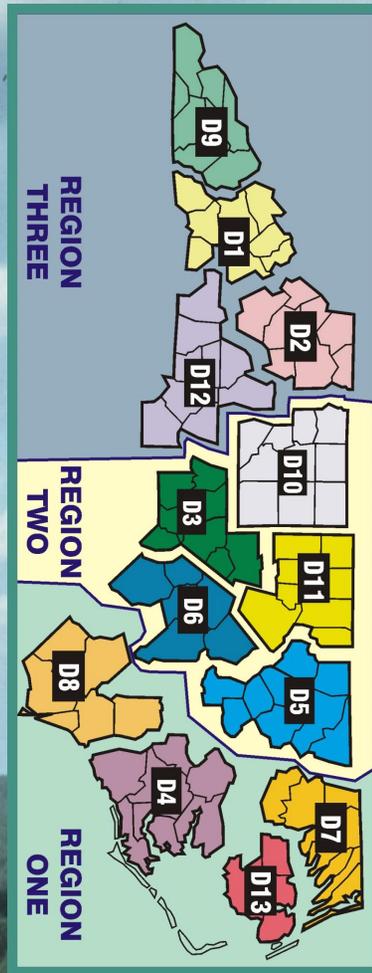
in the

North Carolina Forest Service



North Carolina's 18.6 million acres of forest land have tremendous importance to the state, providing great economic value and adding immeasurably to the quality of life for all citizens. Forestry is the second largest industry in the state, contributing over \$30 billion annually to the state's economy and providing 97,000 jobs for North Carolinians. These forests also provide innumerable other benefits to everyone, including improved air and water quality, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, recreation and an escape from urbanization.

ncforestservice.gov



The North Carolina Forest Service is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Its programs, activities and employment practices are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disabilities or political affiliation. This publication was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service.

NCFS DISTRICT OFFICES:

District 1: Asheville	(828) 667-5211
District 2: Lenoir	(828) 757-5611
District 3: Rockingham	(910) 997-9220
District 4: New Bern	(252) 514-4764
District 5: Rocky Mount	(252) 442-1626
District 6: Fayetteville	(910) 437-2620
District 7: Elizabeth City	(252) 331-4781
District 8: Whiteville	(910) 642-5093
District 9: Sylva	(828) 586-4007
District 10: Lexington	(336) 956-2111
District 11: Hillsborough	(919) 732-8105
District 12: Mt. Holly	(704) 827-7576
District 13: Fairfield	(252) 926-3041

Central Office (Raleigh) (919) 857-4801

FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS Permanent/Full Time

Forest Fire Equipment Operators (FFEO's) are skilled firefighters who operate a crawler tractor equipped with a fire line plow or fire blade. These positions train extensively in fire fighting and normally are the primary attack on most wildfires. Equipment Operators also do the mechanical and maintenance work on their equipment, and assist with other work when needed. Forest Fire Equipment Operators must be in good physical condition, have a high school education, a N.C. commercial driver license, at least one year of experience in heavy equipment operation and they must reside in the county to which they are assigned.

Applicants for this position are required to pass a drug screen and are subject to random drug testing while employed.



OTHER POSITIONS

There are numerous other specialty positions in the NCFS that may be of interest to you. These include areas of:

- ★ Aviation
- ★ Aircraft Mechanics
- ★ Fixed Wing Pilots
- ★ Helicopter Pilots
- ★ Engineering
- ★ Forest Nursery/ Horticulture/Genetics
- ★ Administration
- ★ Radio Communications
- ★ Computers
- ★ Heavy Equipment Mechanics



For more information on the North Carolina Forest Service, visit our web site at ncforestservice.gov or contact your local County Ranger.

What is the North Carolina Forest Service?

The North Carolina Forest Service mandate is to protect, manage and sustain North Carolina's forest resources efficiently and effectively. Its primary purpose is to ensure adequate and quality forest resources for the state to meet present and future needs. The NCFS, created in 1915, has a number of programs which help to insure forests stay healthy, productive and available for future generations.

The NC Forest Service is directly involved with forest management assistance to private landowners, reforestation services, forest fire prevention and suppression, and insect and disease control programs. The division also is involved in the operation of tree seedling nurseries, long range forestry planning and technical development, water quality compliance monitoring, urban forestry assistance, training and support to volunteer fire departments and forestry education.

Since most forestland in North Carolina is owned by private, non-industrial landowners, the division works closely with these landowners to maximize forest management in the state. This involves assisting landowner's with management plans to help achieve the landowners objectives (income, recreation, wildlife, aesthetics, etc.) while adequately protecting the soil, water, wildlife and other values. The NC Forest Service also administers programs that offer financial assistance for reforestation, as well as providing expertise on how and when the landowner should thin and harvest timber and reforest the site. This service is provided at no cost to the landowner.



The NC Forest Service is also responsible for forest fire protection statewide. This involves preventing, detecting and suppressing forest fires. It also entails extensive fire training, monitoring weather conditions, and responding quickly during high fire hazard conditions with personnel and equipment to minimize fire damage. The NCFS also limits the accumulation of fuels in potentially dangerous areas by conducting prescribed burns. This involves burning areas under controlled conditions to reduce fuel build up without damaging the forest.

The NC Forest Service is also responsible for insect and disease protection throughout the state. Insects and disease kill more timber each year in North Carolina than even fire. However, early detection and protective measures can reduce the effects of insect and disease outbreaks. This entails statewide surveillance and taking corrective steps when significant forest resources are threatened.

The NCFS has approximately 690 full-time, permanent positions and approximately 200 seasonal positions. So which is right for you??

ncforestservice.gov

NCFS POSITIONS

(Position qualifications, experience, education and training may vary for specific positions)

FORESTER (Permanent / Full Time)

Entry level foresters provide on the ground professional expertise in the total Forest Management program. They work with private landowners in an assigned district to develop, protect and manage the multiple resources of North Carolina's forests. This includes providing technical advice to these landowners involving reforestation and managing forest lands. A four-year degree, or higher, in Forest Management, from an accredited college or university is required. All foresters must become registered through the state registration process. Residency is required within the district in which the forester is assigned.

- ★ Service Forester
- ★ Inventory Forester



FOREST TECHNICIAN

(Permanent / Full Time)

A Forest Technician normally works in a specific county and is involved in all areas of forestry in that county; fire control, forest management, insect and disease control and forestry education. These positions require a two year degree in Forest Management or other Natural Resource curriculum, or graduation from high school and two years of experience. Residency is required within the county in which the technician is assigned, this does not apply to Educational Rangers or Nursery Technician.

- ★ Assistant County Ranger
- ★ County Ranger
- ★ Educational State Forest Ranger
- ★ Nursery Technician

