



Western Woodlot Services Co-op Forester or Forest Technician – Job Description

Description of work:

The WWSC Forester or Forest Technician will work with the WWSC General Manager to deliver a variety of services to private landowners in the seven western counties of Nova Scotia, including completing forest inventory assessments, writing management and operational plans, GIS mapping, layout, silviculture and harvesting coordination and supervision, and providing training and educational opportunities for woodland owners.

Under the supervision and mentorship of the General Manager, the employee's duties will include:

- Engaging with woodlot owners and responding to general inquiries
- Helping to develop guiding documentation such as operating policies and procedures, safety plans, best management practices, quality assurance mechanisms, and associated checklists
- GIS mapping and maintaining a GIS database for all members
- Working with the General Manager and other organizations where appropriate to customize management and extension databases using Microsoft Access and other available tools and software
- Woodlot cruising / forest inventory assessments and evaluations
- Preparing management plans, operational plans, and other reports
- Carrying out pre- and post-treatment assessments (silviculture and harvesting)
- Assisting with organization and delivery of various events and field days
- Maintaining an up-to-date web content and social media presence
- Developing educational and promotional materials and presentations
- Helping with administrative tasks as required

Work will be based on a 40-hour week, which may include some evening and weekend work.

Educational & Experience requirements:

Graduate from a recognized forestry or related technician diploma program with a minimum of two years experience within the forestry sector, or equivalent knowledge and experience.

- Ability to identify forest trees and other vegetative species.
- Have rudimentary knowledge of Nova Scotia soils.
- Effectively use various mensuration and navigation tools such as compass, GPS, prism, diameter tape, clinometer, increment corer, etc.
- Ability to readily delineate forest stands from available aerial imagery.

- Have proficiency in using Microsoft software programs such as excel, word, access, as well as Esri ArcGIS software, and windows-based tablets.

Personal Requirements:

- Self-motivated, results based, and have a positive attitude.
- Capable of working with a wide variety of organizations and individuals.
- Ability to work individually and as a team player.
- Valid driver's license and access to a vehicle.
- Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.

Preferred skills, knowledge and experience:

- Forest inventories, management plan and operational plan preparation
- Ecosystem-based forest management and Forest Ecosystem Classification
- Harvest and silviculture job layout, including supervision and inspections
- GIS mapping
- Database management, analysis, and generation of various reports
- Silviculture funding programs in Nova Scotia
- Provincial Acts and Regulations pertaining to private woodlot management in Nova Scotia
- Communication and outreach
- Working with and relating to woodlot owners
- Safety planning and best management practices

Salary: Salary is negotiable; dependent on skills and experience.

A cover letter and resume illustrating why and how you are the best candidate for this position can be sent to:

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All applications for this position will be accepted until March 29, 2019 at 4:30pm.