Job Title: Forester/Forest Technician

Positions available: 10 Timber Markers/Stand Examiners (Full/Part Time).

Job Description: Foresters/Forest technicians will be conducting Timber Marking and Common Stand Exams (CSE) on National Forests in the eastern and southern United States and the northern Rockies with possible work in other regions.

Chestnut Ridge Forestry is looking to fill 3-5 full-time positions and 5-7 summer temp positions for work multiple National Forests throughout the country. Current projects that will be our new-hires anticipated summer-fall 2021 work will be stocking surveys on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, timber marking and Common Stand Exams on the Ouachita and Ozark National Forests in Arkansas, Common Stand Exams and timber marking in Minnesota on the Chippewa and Superior National Forests and timber marking in Florida. We anticipate most of these positions to be employee positions, but consultants and subcontractors are welcome as well.

We’re always hiring Nationwide for professional forestry contracts and specifically Regions 2,3,8,9 Common Stand Exams (CSE) Throughout the Rocky Mountains, South and Lake States. We presently have contracts running in Arkansas, Arizona, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Montana, Oregon, Virginia and Florida though almost anywhere in the lower 48 could be a future inventory. Winter months are spent in the southern states marking timber & CSEs.

Work Period: As soon as possible. Summer temps: mid May-mid August.

Wages/Salary: Employee wage and cash fringe benefits for full-timers starting at $25.00/hour, Qualified Subcontractors/Consultants (forestry degree and 1 year experience) $40.00-$50.00/hour. (The third full week after training, most subcontractors average in the $1,600-$2,000+ /week range). Full-time Employees will be allowed overtime, as well as production bonuses (should average an additional $5-$15/hour). Summer temps, once up to production, will be allowed overtime. Summer temps who complete a successful productive summer with us will be offered full time positions upon graduating. All marking contracts require people to be in excellent physical shape, since you’ll spend your days with a 25 lb panama paint gun walking some difficult terrain. If you’re out of shape let us know, our CSE jobs may fit you better.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Full Time Examiners (Employees & Subcontractors) must have successfully completed a 4-year or 2-year curriculum in forestry (1 season and or relevant field experience preferred). Summer temp positions will be filled with 2nd and 3rd year forestry students. These are normally traveling jobs with most foresters working 3+ states per year, though with this job notice we have a number of opportunities for employees and subcontractors who are only available in specific areas within a 100-200 mile radius (AR, VA, MN). Experienced Employees and Subcontractors/Consultants will have hiring preferences. We expect to fill most of these positions with 2021 grads.

DUTIES

Once hired, you will be responsible for conducting common stand exams (CSE) and timber marking/ cruising on various National Forests throughout the lower 48.

CSE Fieldwork requires recording tree data using a personal data recorder on each point. Using a BAF prism to determine tally trees, some of the CSE data collected include species, dbh, tree height, crown ratio, tree vigor, insect & disease, tree and stand age, seral stage or habitat type, canopy cover, ground cover, GPS Coordinates, fuels transects, aspect, topography, wildlife use, site index and many more measurements. Prism work requires limiting distances to be taken. All these duties will be discussed in depth and demonstrated during training, we have trained over 450 foresters/techs in the past and we’ll teach you all the field skills you never learned in school.
The timber marking/cruising will entail all aspects of sale layout, marking and cruising. These marking contracts require foresters/techs to learn all aspects of timber sales as conducted by the US Forest Service (we’ll train you). Then you will be expected to work at a high rate of production; along this line we’re looking for the best and brightest with the drive to produce.

Chestnut Ridge Forestry is a private forestry consultant with 36 years of Federal contracting experience on over 50 National Forests in 36 states. We’ve also had a number of large CFI re-measures and Stand Exams with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Dept. of Defense. For anyone interested in future Forest Service/BIA positions, these are the jobs for you.

The heart of our outfit is our core of employees, subcontractors and consultants who travel the country, working in 2-4 states yearly. They make approximately $40,000-$80,000 per year working 6-10 months yearly. These jobs allow our subcontractors/consultants to set their own schedules; although it is a pretty laid back environment (little supervision after training), you’ll still need to help maintain CRFs production schedules.

All foresters/techs must supply their own transportation and housing (camping or rental) and will normally work as a one person field crew. All subcontractors will need to supply their own forestry equipment. For both CSEs and timber marking contracts, we supply all high end equipment (Garmin GPSs, Data Recorder and Paint guns). We also supply all equipment for employees. Although each examiner (CSE) will be working independently on a compartment/packet, there will be 3-5 people assigned to each Forest/District & often camping/renting together. On timber marking contracts, you’ll normally work in a 2-6 person crew. Send your resume, cover letter and availability dates to email to Joel Fyock at mountain_man575@yahoo.com. We’ll be filling these Summer jobs quickly, get your resumes in.

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