

Class Concept

This is professional work specializing in a primary program area such as forest management or water quality but may be required to work across a broad range of program areas as needed. Employees report to a professional forestry supervisor and are usually assigned to a specific geographical area such as a Field Division, consisting of 27 – 41 counties or roughly 1/3 of the state, or State Forest. Other related duties may be assigned, as necessary. Provides technical supervision and program oversight to Forestry Technicians and Foresters I. Work is further distinguished from that recognized in the Forester I by an increased level of responsibility and accountability to include more technical program complexity, more technical oversight, and more work planning, training, and implementing, each over a larger or more complex geographical or program area.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of forest management or water quality management
- Intermediate knowledge of wildland fire prevention and firefighting methods
- Ability to gather and present technical information effectively in oral and written form
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships
- Physical stamina to work outdoors for long periods of time under adverse conditions

Minimum Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree in forestry from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited institution and two years of related professional Forestry experience; or

Registered by the NC Board of Registration for Foresters and two years of related professional post registration Forestry experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Necessary Special Requirement

Those not registered at the time of hire must obtain registration as a Forester from the NC Board of Registration for Foresters within two years of employment.