

State Forester

State of
North Carolina

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Class Concept

This position is responsible for assisting the Assistant Commissioner for Forestry in overall management of the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS). The State Forester reports directly to the Assistant Commissioner and provides supervision and guidance to: the two Assistant State Foresters; the Safety, Planning, and Analysis Division Director; the Aviation Division Director; and the three Field Division Directors (Coastal Plain, Piedmont and Mountain) in the following program areas: fire control, forest protection, forest management, administration, safety, planning, analysis, engineering, aviation, and overall field operations. Monitors and ensures uniformity and consistency in these program areas and other activities statewide. Works with the Divisions to identify and develop changes and additions to NCFS programs. Coordinates actions involving multiple Divisions. Provides long range planning. Leads planning and coordination of management team meetings and statewide managerial sessions. Represents the Assistant Commissioner in his/her absence and other times when needed. Handles numerous special projects and assignments.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Experience supervising employees.
- Experience managing statewide or local NCFS programs.
- Familiarity with Incident Command System (ICS) functions.
- Ability to establish and maintain solid working relationships.
- Ability to provide leadership.
- Ability to work independently.

Minimum Education and Experience

Bachelor's degree in Forestry from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited institution and nine years of experience in a variety forestry program to include four years of responsible supervisory experience; or

Registered by the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters and nine years of professional post-registration 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 one year of employment.