**COLORADO STATE
FOREST SERVICE**

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

POSITION TITLE: 3 **Stewardship Forester** (Seasonal Forestry Aide FA4 - FA5) positions, subject to available funding

LOCATION: CSFS-Golden District, Golden, Colorado

HOURLY PAY RATE: $14 - 17 per hour, starting rate commensurate with experience

EMPLOYMENT DATES: 6 months (up to 9 months, subject to available funding)

To begin approximately May 1, 2017; normal work schedule is 40 hours per week.

CLOSING DATE: Applications will be considered until the positions are filled, however materials should be received by **March 15, 2017** for full consideration.

Minimum Requirements:
- A bachelor's degree in a natural resource management/forestry curriculum from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited forestry school is preferred (*please see accreditation link in the Application Information section of this announcement).* A bachelor's degree in a related natural resource program such as wildlife management, range management, ecology, agroforestry, arboriculture or natural resource management will also be considered with commensurate forestry field experience.

- Ability and willingness to work long hours and occasional evenings and weekends is required.

- Ability to work outdoors in arduous situations, all weather types and terrain.

- Successful applicants must have ability to receive training and pass physical fitness training to obtain basic wildland firefighter qualification, if they do not already have this status.

- Must have a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain a driver's license or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date

Preferred Experience:
The successful applicants will be self-directed, innovative, and energetic. They should be able to demonstrate enjoyment in working with people and respect different viewpoints. Of special interest are applicants with excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills, which are critical to the mission of the Colorado State Forest Service. Additionally, skills and experience with the following items are desirable:

- Microsoft Suite of software products, ArcGIS, and GPS.
- Customer service and professional performance.
- Proficient in use of maps and aerial imagery.

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- Experience performing on the ground fuels mitigation work with the use of chainsaws and miscellaneous logging equipment.
- Familiarity with tree identification in the Denver metro area, emerald ash borer, and other urban and community forestry issues.
- Familiarity with insects & diseases of the Colorado Front Range.
- Ability to keep detailed, accurate, and precise record keeping of project management and daily work duties.

It is preferred that the successful applicants have at least basic experience with and knowledge of western United States forest management techniques in at least some of the following areas: silviculture; timber and fuels project layout; harvesting systems and treatments; wildfire suppression; prescribed fire; forest insect and disease detection; community forestry; agroforestry; public education; etc.

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Assist district staff with annual inspections required by the Forest Agriculture Program (160+ inspections annually). Inspections are utilized as an opportunity to provide technical assistance to landowners and ensure that they are in compliance with the requirements of the Forest Agriculture Program. Inspections will involve interpretation of forest management plans and annual workplans, scheduling and time management, GPS data collection, ArcGIS mapping, data entry, reporting, and professional communications with enrolled participants.

- Responsible for helping district staff complete forest management plans for private landowners and/or cooperators. This includes taking forest inventory, Trimble Juno data collection with ArcPad, ArcGIS, FVS, data analysis and interpretation, and preparation of portions of plan documents.

- Assist with district administered forestry and fuels mitigation grants through field inspections, gps data collection, ArcGIS mapping, data entry, and record-keeping.

- Provide technical assistance to landowners and local communities through insect & disease detection and inspections, wildfire hazard inspections and marking, and general forest management site visits.

- Work with local municipalities, conducting tree inventories and sampling for Emerald Ash Borer. This work will involve preparing professional reports, creating maps in ArcGIS and other documentation for the municipalities.

- Assist district staff with field inspections and preparing forestry reports and plans for state lands.

- Assist district staff with fuels reduction and forest management contract layout and administration through fieldwork, GPS and GIS mapping, forest inventory, monitoring, coordination with contractors, and record-keeping.

- Perform fuels mitigation and forest management work which will involve fuels project layout, operating 4-wheel drive vehicles, use of chainsaws/misc. logging equipment, operating forestry equipment, and performing strenuous outdoor work in a variety of weather conditions.

- Assist district staff with Stewardship Mapping and Reporting Tool (SMART) accomplishment reporting and quarterly accomplishment reports

- Assist district staff with public education programming.

- Assist with pile burning for fuels reduction.

- Routine maintenance of field equipment and CSFS facilities, including grounds maintenance, building repairs, equipment cleaning, and snow removal.

To Apply:

Please send electronic versions of the application materials to the email address below:

Resume and cover letter, college transcript, 3 professional references.

For questions regarding the position, please contact:

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