

## Career Opportunities with the Colorado State Forest Service

**CSFS Vision:** *Healthy, resilient forests through active management.*

**CSFS Mission:** *To achieve stewardship of Colorado's diverse forest environments for the benefit of present and future generations.*



The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. Every year, the CSFS helps treat 20,000+ acres of forestland, and assists approximately 6,400 landowners and hundreds of communities to help improve forest health. As the lead state agency for providing forest stewardship and management, fuels reduction and wildfire mitigation assistance, we offer a variety of programs and services such as:

- Forest and timber management projects for forest health and restoration
- Fuels mitigation resources and fuels reduction projects to reduce wildfire risk
- Insect and disease surveys and detection
- Urban and community forestry assistance for homeowners and municipalities
- Trees and shrubs for conservation, tree planting plans, and seedling tree advice
- Workshops for forest landowners, communities and homeowner associations
- Outreach and education for adults and youth

Learn more about the CSFS through these online videos: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/videos/>

### Types of Positions with the Colorado State Forest Service:

**1. Foresters** - Forestry professionals embrace the science, art, and practice of creating, managing, using, and conserving forests and associated resources for human benefit and in a sustainable manner to meet desired goals, needs, and values (Society of American Foresters, 2015). CSFS foresters work across the landscape of Colorado, which showcases the diversity of the Great Plains, the majestic Rocky Mountains, and the high deserts of the western slope.

- a. 4 year degree from an Society of American Forestry accredited program
- b. Experience with vehicles and forestry equipment

### **2. Staff Foresters and other Support Staff-**

- a. Specialized professionals, with expertise in their areas of interest, manage programs such as:
  - Annual Aerial Survey
  - Forest Health
  - Insect & Disease Surveying and Monitoring
  - Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA)
  - Fuels Mitigation
  - Forest Ag Tax Classification Program
  - Forest Legacy
  - Forest Stewardship
  - Landowner Assistance
  - Colorado Wood Utilization & Marketing (CoWood)
  - CSFS Nursery
  - State Trust Lands
  - Urban & Community Forestry
  - Educational Programs
  - Experiential Learning
  - Public and Media Relations
  - Publications Production and Management

- Web and Social Media
- Wildfire Mitigation
- Fire Adapted Communities
- Firewise Communities/USA®
- Information and Technology
- Human Resources

**3. Administrative Staff** (State Classified)- Manage accounting, grants, and other administrative needs

**4. Seasonal/Internships-** Include seasonal foresters, seedling tree nursery staff, program and administrative support

**5. Volunteer-**

- a. Experiential learning opportunities to support forest stewardship
- b. Find out more about our volunteer program here: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/volunteer/>

## **SAMPLE SEASONAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**POSITION TITLE:** Seasonal Forester (4 positions)

**LOCATION:** Steamboat District – State Forest Office (Gould, CO)

**HOURLY PAY RATE:** \$11.00 per hour (depending on experience) – Dormitory style housing and utilities provided

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** May 2013 through August 2013 (start and end date may be variable)

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications will be considered until the positions are filled, however materials should be received by March 12, 2013 for full consideration

### **Seasonal Foresters Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Cruising and data collection for forest-wide inventory
- Chainsaw operation - thinning, firewood, and defensible space work
- Assisting with timber sale and service contract layout - cruising, boundary delineation, and marking
- Various GPS and GIS applications
- Assisting with assessment and treatment of insect and disease projects
- General labor - rock headers, fences, facility and equipment maintenance, etc.
- Support of wildfire suppression on state land – dependent upon need and qualifications

### **Preferred Background:**

- Pursuing bachelor's degree in forestry or related natural resources field
- Possession of or ability to obtain a valid driver's license
- Ability to operate 4-wheel drive vehicles in variable weather and road conditions
- Ability to operate a manual transmission
- Ability to (or willingness to learn how to) operate chainsaws/misc. logging equipment, forestry equipment, and perform strenuous outdoor work in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability and willingness to work long hours with occasional evening and weekend duties (work based on a 40 hour work week)
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team

### **Preferred Experience:**

- One season of field experience is preferred, but not required
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) S130/190 Wildfire Training is preferred, but not required
- Experience in the utilization of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet, e-mail, GPS, and ArcGIS
- Good written and oral communications

### **To Apply:**

Please send the following to the address listed below

1. Cover letter stating interest for the position and identifying skills and experience relating to the position duties and responsibilities described above
2. Professional resume
3. At least three professional references and their current contact information (previous supervisors preferred)

**CSU is an EO/EA/AA employer. Colorado State University conducts background checks on all final candidates.**