



## SEASONAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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**POSITION TITLE:** **3-4 Stewardship Forester** (Seasonal Forestry Aide FA4 - FA5) positions, subject to available funding

**LOCATION:** CSFS- Golden Field Office, Golden, Colorado

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

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

To begin approximately May 1, 2018. Normal work schedule is 40 hours per week. Typical work hours are Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications will be considered until the positions are filled, however materials should be received by **March 7, 2018** for full consideration.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

We are seeking individuals who are professional, self-directed, innovative, and energetic. The applicant should demonstrate a strong customer service ethic, enjoy working with people from diverse backgrounds, and respect different viewpoints. Of special interest are applicants with excellent verbal/written communication and interpersonal skills, which are critical to the mission of the Colorado State Forest Service. Candidates who fit the following criteria are strongly encouraged to apply:

- 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 or willingness to learn how to operate chainsaws/misc. logging equipment, forestry equipment, and perform arduous outdoor work in a variety of weather conditions and terrain.
- Willingness to flex work schedule to accommodate occasional evenings and weekend training sessions (work based on a 40-hour workweek).
- Ability to operate 4-wheel drive vehicles in variable weather and road conditions.
- 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:**

- Basic 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.
- One season of field experience in forestry or natural resources.
- Microsoft Office, ArcGIS, and GPS (Garmin and Trimble Juno).
- Communicating with the public and cooperators as a representative of an institution.
- Performing on the ground fuels mitigation work with chainsaws, brush cutters, pole trimmers, etc. Applicants must hold current S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw certification, or desire and ability to obtain certification through CSFS sponsored training.
- Using map, compass, and aerial imagery for navigation.
- Conducting an urban tree survey including hazard tree assessment, emerald ash borer identification, and other urban and community forest issues.
- Identifying common tree species and insects & diseases of the Colorado Front Range and Denver metro area.
- Keeping detailed, accurate, and precise records of project management and daily work duties.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Receive training from field office staff and independently perform annual inspections required by the Forest Agriculture Program. Inspections provide technical assistance to landowners and ensure that they are in compliance with the requirements of the Forest Agriculture Program. Inspections will involve the following: interpretation of forest stewardship plans and annual work plans; scheduling and time management; GPS data collection; insect and disease identification; ArcGIS mapping; data entry and reporting; and professional communications with enrolled participants.
- Contribute to the production of Forest Management Plans for private landowners and/or cooperators. Tasks include the following: communicating with the landowner; remote sensing; field resource inventory; ArcGIS analysis/map production; FVS data entry/interpretation; FVS Suppose silvicultural prescription modeling; and preparation of plan documents.
- Implement fuels mitigation and forest management projects by designing/laying out the project; operating 4-wheel drive vehicles; utilizing chainsaws and miscellaneous logging equipment; and operating forestry equipment for vegetation and slash management.
- Provide technical assistance to the State Land Board, Denver Water Board, and private landowners independently, or under the supervision of district staff. Specific duties include unit layout, individual cut/leave tree marking, mapping, pre-treatment forest inventory, Scope of Work development, coordination with contractors and landowners, contract enforcement, record keeping, and post-treatment monitoring.

- Work with local municipalities, conducting tree inventories, identifying tree pests and diseases, and sampling for emerald ash borer. This work will involve preparing professional reports, creating maps in ArcGIS and other documentation for the municipalities.
- Assist with forestry and fuels mitigation grants through field inspections, GPS data collection, ArcGIS mapping, data entry, and record keeping.
- Assist field office staff with public education and outreach programs.
- Report measurable activities with the Stewardship Mapping and Reporting Tool (SMART) and produce quarterly intra-agency accomplishment reports.
- Perform routine maintenance of field equipment and CSFS facilities, including; grounds maintenance; building repairs; equipment cleaning; and snow removal.
- Attend optional training classes to receive additional duty-specific certifications.

**To Apply:**

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

Resume and cover letter, college transcript (official or copy of official preferred), and three professional references.

For questions regarding the position, please contact:

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This announcement is also posted on our website at: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/employment>

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