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Forestry Associate Job Opening – Starting Sept/Oct 2020

Position Title: Forestry Associate or Forester

Application Period: Rolling application until candidate is found, the sooner the better. Preferably by 9/18/20.

Work Location: Asheville NC, remote home-office work to start during COVID, field work near Asheville NC.

Salary: \$15-\$18/hour (no benefits) depending on experience (\$20 possible once an NC Registered Forester). Minimum 30 hrs/week.

Mission Statement: EcoForesters is a non-profit professional forestry organization dedicated to conserving and restoring our Appalachian forests through stewardship and education.

Purpose of Position: Primarily, assess forestlands and write comprehensive forest stewardship plans that improve the ecological, economic, and social benefits provided by clients' forests. Assist in, or lead, invasive plant control, as well as timber sales & appraisals. Other work as needed to support EcoForesters' mission.

Requirements:

1. Must be self-motivated and willing to take initiative on projects after training.
2. Must have, or be working toward, a degree in forestry, natural resources, or closely related field, or 2 years relevant experience.
3. Must be a good writer, able to clearly write reports that describe forest conditions and stewardship recommendations.
4. Must be proficient in basic GPS and GIS applications.
5. Must be able to work well with others.
6. Must be skilled in the collection of forestry and ecological field data.
7. Must be proficient in identification of southern Appalachian tree species and non-native invasive plants.
8. Must be adept at using a compass, GPS, and reading maps.
9. Must be capable of field work alone in remote locations (usually within several miles of road), on difficult terrain (steep, mountainous, thick understory vegetation) in adverse conditions (hot, cold, or rain).
10. Must be skilled in data management and analysis with programs such as Microsoft Excel.

Preferences:

1. *Strong preference* for someone qualified to become an NC Registered Forester, that is: working towards, or has, an SAF-approved degree, or equivalent educational background.
2. Two years or more of experience working in forestry or related profession.
3. Knowledge and experience in controlling non-native invasive plants, and supervising others in such work.
4. Is a good writer with ample experience preparing reports that describe forest conditions and stewardship recommendations
5. Is skilled in the use of GIS and GPS.
6. Has experience and is comfortable interacting with clients, giving public presentations, and supervising employees.
7. Is experienced in the collection of forestry and ecological field data and in identification of southern Appalachian tree species.
8. Has experience and knowledge of southern Appalachian forest ecosystems and their management.
9. Has experience using software such as Microsoft Excel and/or Access to organize, store, and analyze forestry data using all standard forestry metrics (e.g. BA, TPA, timber volumes).
10. Is skilled in forest finance, wildlife management, water resource management, botany, educational outreach, and/or other related skill sets that can enhance the services provided by EcoForesters or the development and growth of our organization.

Submit Resume, Cover Letter, and forest management writing sample to: Andy Tait, EcoForestry Director, atait@ecoforesters.org