

FORESTRY FIRE WARDEN**Nature of Work:**

Under general supervision, performs full-performance work involving responsibility for wildfire prevention, control and suppression activities in a designated geographic project area. Will be responsible for establishing and maintaining a network of employees for emergencies. May assist regional personnel with other related work on private and state owned properties. Performs related work as required.

Essential Job Functions: (Any specific position in this class may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the examples listed cover all of the duties which may be assigned.)

Recruits, trains and maintains a volunteer network of community firefighters and local fire departments, mobilizing and directing fire crews in response to wildfires under potentially hazardous conditions, over rugged terrain, and often requiring extended periods of duty.

Recruits, trains and supervises temporary employees during established fire seasons.

Promotes public awareness through speaking engagements, exhibits and displays of forest resource and protection programs.

Evaluates request for/and issues industrial burning permits.

Perform inspections, makes recommendations or directs measures required to contain fires in refuse disposal areas and in underground mine fire access to prevent forest fire occurrence.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Knowledge of the methods and techniques of wildfire prevention, control and suppression.

Knowledge of practices and techniques of forest protection and fire management.

Knowledge of first-aid procedures.

Ability to establish and maintain good work relationships.

Ability to develop and coordinate a wildfire suppression and control program on a project area.

Ability to speak publicly for educational purposes.

Ability to perform manual and light maintenance work and upkeep of equipment.

Ability to interpret, use and update topographic, soil, and field maps.

Ability to use the computer to prepare reports and keep records.

Minimum Qualifications:

Training: Graduation from a standard four-year high school or the equivalent.

Experience: Two years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid or voluntary experience in wildfire suppression and prevention, forestry, conservation or related field.

Substitution: Associate degree in a Forestry Technology program recognized by the Society of American Foresters from a regionally accredited college or university.

Special Requirements: Must be licensed or eligible to be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in West Virginia. Must take and pass a physical examination within the first six months of employment and submit to annual follow-up examinations. Failure to pass the initial

examination will result in termination of employment. Failure to pass a subsequent examination may result in reassignment.

Positions must meet the qualifications for and become a Special Natural Resources Police Officer at the earliest opportunity following employment and maintain this commission throughout the period of employment in the position. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the State Forester.

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