

Forest Ranger 3**Nature of Work**

Under limited supervision, performs independent judgement in directing and administering a wildfire program. Will assume administrative or supervisory duties in a district-wide basis under the direction of the District Supervisor. Handles all phases of Forest Protection including: fire, disease and insects. Recommends staffing levels, major equipment purchases, and capital improvements necessary to maintain program operation. Performs related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Employee will assume administrative or supervisory duties on a district-wide basis under the direction of the District Supervisor. Plans, coordinates or directs programs within the district.

Examples of Work

- Prepares and distributes general news releases to the media regarding forestry programs.
- Determines areas in the general program of fire prevention.
- Promotes and coordinates development of wildfire protection plans with forest industries and private land-holding companies.
- Prepares statistical and narrative reports for the district activities.
- Analyzes all reports of fire occurrence and causes to make recommendations on additional prevention techniques.
- Recommends construction and maintenance relating to fire control facilities.
- Visits rangers in assigned areas on a regular basis to review local work and to insure good working relationships.
- Evaluates employees' work performance and counsels employees on areas requiring additional attention.
- Promotes public awareness through speaking engagements, developing and presenting slide programs, exhibits, demonstrations and displays of forest resource use.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of state forestry laws, rules and regulations.
- Knowledge of the methods and techniques of wildfire prevention, preparedness and suppression.
- Knowledge and ability to use the computer.
- Ability to plan, coordinate and direct the work of others.
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relations with others.
- Ability to exercise independent judgement.

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Minimum Qualifications

TRAINING: Graduation from an accredited college or university with an associate degree in a Forest Technology program recognized by the Society of American Foresters OR a Bachelor of Science degree in a forestry program accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

EXPERIENCE: Four years of responsible full-time or part-time equivalent paid experience in the field of wildfire prevention or control or natural resources law enforcement and investigation.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be licensed or eligible to be licensed to operate a motor vehicle in West Virginia. Must be able to pass physical examination prior to appointment. Must have a current license as a registered professional forester or a registered forestry technician or obtain professional licensure upon employment with the Division of Forestry.

Positions with forest fire control and/or logging regulation responsibility must meet the qualifications for and become a Special Conservation Officer at the earliest opportunity following employment and maintain this commission throughout the period of employment in the position.

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