

Chestnut Ridge Forestry

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MULTI - YEAR 2010-2011 JOB NOTICE

Job Title: Forester/Forest Technician

Positions available: 14-19 stand examiners/FIA crew leaders & members (Full/Part Time).

Job Description: Foresters/Forest technicians will be conducting Common Stand Exams (CSE), CFIs & FIA installs/re-measures and tree marking on National Forests in the lower 48 and specifically Regions 2,3,8,9 Common Stand Exams (CSE) Throughout the Rocky Mountains and Eastern US. We're also expecting forest carbon sequestration inventories in the near future. We presently have contracts running in New Mexico, Idaho, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Minnesota and Wisconsin, though almost anywhere in the lower 48 could be a future inventory with additional upcoming 2010 work expected in VA, NC, AR and CO. Winter months are spent in the southern states marking timber & CSEs.

Work Period: Full/Part-time positions starting in April (Some Feb. positions avail.). (Hiring Year Round)

Wages/Salary: Wage and cash fringe benefits starting at \$19.00-\$25.00/hour, (depending on Job Description/State) for Full/Part time positions. Qualified Subcontractors/Consultants (forestry/natural Res. degree and 1 season experience) \$30.00-\$45.00/hour and Qualified FIA Crew Chiefs should make \$45+/hour. (The third full week after training, most subcontractors average in the \$1,200-\$1,600/week range)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Full Time Examiners (Employees & Subs) must have successfully completed a 4-year or 2-year curriculum in forestry (1 season and or relevant field experience preferred), Some exceptions follow . We are extremely hot to fill 4 to 6 crew chief positions to conduct CSE on the North and South Kaibab National Forests (AZ) and the Allegheny National Forest (PA). We also need 8-12 FIA Crew Members (Natural Resource, Botany and Forestry) (New Mexico residents given preference) to conduct FIAs throughout the State of New Mexico, For these Crew Member positions we'll accept Environmental Students who have yet to graduate for summer internships and seasonal work as well as field experienced non-degreed individuals. We're also extremely hot to pick up 4-6 experienced FIA Crew Chiefs for our New Mexico FIAs. These are traveling jobs with most foresters working 3+ states per year, though we have a # of opportunities for subcontractors who are only available in specific areas (NM FIAs, MN, PA, AZ) for 4-9 month field seasons. Experienced Subcontractors/Consultants will have hiring preferences.

DUTIES

Once hired, you will be responsible for conducting Common Stand Exams (CSE), FIAs and timber marking/ cruising on various National Forests throughout the lower 48. CSE Fieldwork requires recording tree data with a **PDR on** each point using a BAF prism or Fixed Plots; limiting distances will be measured. Some data collected include species, dbh, tree height, tree vigor, insect & disease, tree and stand age, seral stage or habitat type, canopy cover, ground cover, GPS Coordinates, fuels transects, wildlife use, site index and many more measurements. All these duties will be discussed in depth and demonstrated during training, we have trained over 250 foresters/techs in the past and we'll teach you all the field skills you never learned in school. The timber marking/cruising jobs will entail all aspects of sale layout and marking. We're also hiring for GIS, Botany and Natural Resource Positions in conjunction with Forestry skills.

Finally, we're also gearing up for FIAs throughout the Lower 48 with a huge FIA re-measure/ initial install expected over the State of New Mexico for 2010-2012. We're aggressively hiring FIA Crew Leaders and entry level Crew Members (New Mexico Resident preference for both positions), all training shall be provided and Crew Members will be encouraged to work towards Crew Leader status within 2-4 months if you've got the right stuff (25-50%).

These NM FIA positions should be for 8-10 months per year over 2-3 years. For New Mexico Crew Member slots we're looking for Natural Resource, Forestry and especially Botany grads/students to fill these positions (Hot for established New Mexico Foresters/Techs) and we'll even consider New Mexico Residents with relevant Natural Resource field experience (forest inventory, botany) with no advanced education. We're aggressively seeking Botany students and established botanists for a future FIA Botany initial install/re-measure contract throughout the state of New Mexico (2-3 years). These Botany positions won't start till Spring of 2011? (possibly late Summer 2010), but we encourage Botany, Range and Natural Resource (heavy to botany) students, grads and "serious" botany hobbyists to come on as FIA crew members in 2010 to gain the FIA experience for future pure Botany contracts. Future Botany Crew Leaders can expect to earn a minimum \$2,000/week during the field season.

Even though the timber industry & economy is in a major slump, we've locked in enough work to keep 30+ (maybe 40) foresters busy through October 2010. And with locked in future commitments and with an extremely lean efficient crew, we feel we can compete anywhere in the country and keep rolling with future work. Along this line we're looking for the best and brightest with the drive to produce. 75% of our yearly production is accomplished between May and November and we expect our people to bust chops during this main field season. Winter work has been spotty in recent years, but we can normally expect 8-10 weeks of work from January thru April. This is also an excellent opportunity for ski bums who want to lock in a years income in 7 months then hit the slopes for the winter.

Chestnut Ridge Forestry is a private forestry consultant with 20+ years of Federal contracting experience on over 40 National Forests in 20 states. We've also had a number of large CFI re-measures and Stand Exams with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Dept. of Defense. We also expect to pick-up FIA re-measure and initial install contracts in a # of states. For experienced FIA examiners, you can expect to make \$1,600-\$2,000+/weekly & join our elite group of FIA/CFI foresters.

The heart of our outfit is our core of subcontractors and consultants who travel the country, working in 2-4 states yearly (some of these consultants (home/family) stay in a small radius, working only 2-5 months). They make approximately \$40,000-\$60,000 working 7-10 months yearly. These jobs allow our Subs/Consultants to set their own schedules and though it is a pretty laid back environment (little supervision after training), you'll still need to help maintain CRFs production schedules. These are great opportunities for start-up consultants to have a solid income while gaining experience and building a base of clients at the same time.

All stand examiners must supply their own transportation and housing (camping or rental) and will normally work as a one person field crew, two person FIA crews. **All subcontractors will need to supply their own forestry equipment.** Although CSE examiners will be working independently on a compartment/packet, there will be 3-5 people assigned to each Forest/District & often camping/renting together. On timber marking contracts you'll normally work in a 2-5 person crew. The Spring/ Summer training classes will start in Early-April. May Grads training classes will start in Early-May and be every week till Early June, then as needed thereafter. (Training classes are 1 week for CSEs and 2-3 weeks for FIAs). Please send your resume (with e-mail address) and availability dates to the above New Mexico address or elfyock@pvt.net.

Thanks, Joel Fyock (Owner CRF)