



## CIERRA WARD

White Oak District Manager  
Resource Management Service, LLC.

## SCHOOL

BS and MS in Forestry  
University of Florida  
Registered Forester

## FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I like that I can make a decision that is based on my education and experience, and implement that decision which will impact the land in the long term."

## WHY FORESTRY?

"My dad worked in agronomy and horticulture and passed a strong sense of land ethic to me. In high school, I participated in Envirothon and in college I enrolled in environmental science. However, it was my forestry classes that allowed me to gain hands on practical knowledge. I switched majors and I felt like I found my path."

## ADVICE

"Network, network, network! Seek opportunities to attend forestry conferences and introduce yourself to fellow attendees. You will learn about the industry and about what kinds of roles are available."



# INDUSTRY FORESTER

**INDUSTRY FORESTERS MANAGE PRIVATE FORESTED LANDS FOR TIMBER COMPANIES IN ORDER TO MAKE A FINANCIAL RETURN THROUGH SILVICULTURE PRACTICES.**

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop good harvest and silviculture prescriptions, which may include:
  - Thinning and clearcutting of timber
  - Road and ditch maintenance on property
  - Fertilization
  - Weed control
  - Tree planting and reforestation
  - Prepare sites for new trees using chemical and mechanical methods
- Partner and build relationships with various stakeholders and interest groups
- Negotiate and manage contracts for harvesting, management, and leaseholders
- Plan and supervise all forest activities and user groups that occur in the forest

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduation from a four year school in a preferred field
  - Advanced degrees needed for executive roles
- Experience needed will vary based on position

## AVERAGE SALARY

- National average \$60,000 (reported by mymajors.com) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization

## SKILLS NEEDED

- Self motivated with ability to understand and implement objectives
- Organized and can manage multiple projects
- Strong land ethic



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