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SCHOOL

Forest Management
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FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I like the freedom of being able to choose my own work. I enjoy listening and building connections with my clients. Burning is also a fun part of my job and I like bringing back this underutilized resource."

WHY FORESTRY?

"I grew up in a military family and lived all over the country. As a kid I liked being outdoors and was interested in working with the land. In high school I participated in FFA and knew I wanted to study forest management in college."

ADVICE

"Listen to your clients and build a relationship with experienced professionals. They have a wealth of knowledge, so absorb everything that they say."



FORESTRY CONTRACTOR (SITE PREP)

FORESTRY CONTRACTORS ARE BUSINESS OWNERS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING LANDOWNERS MEET OBJECTIVES USING CONTRACT SERVICES.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct forest management services. This may include:
 - Herbicide application
 - Prescription burning
 - Mechanical vegetation control like thinning, pruning, bush hogging, mowing, and mulching
 - Reforestation
- Familiar with state and local policies as it relates to smoke management, air quality, and best management practices
- Supervise and train certified and temporary employees

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduation from a two or four year school in a preferred field
- Required licensing and certifications are beneficial
- Experience can be beneficial but not necessary for entry level position

AVERAGE SALARY

- National average \$45,000 (reported by salaryexpert.com) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization

SKILLS NEEDED

- Quick thinker with ability to assess risk
- Strong communication skills
- Self motivated



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