

JOB DESCRIPTION

WESTERN OREGON FIELD FORESTER

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Western Oregon Field Forester will be responsible for representing the American Forest Resource Council and serving the membership in the defined geographical area of the Northwest Forest Plan in western Oregon. This position is responsible for providing professional and technical input into the planning, development, and implementation of federal agency vegetation management projects in an effort to make these projects more economically and operationally viable.

The Western Oregon Field Forester is expected to establish and maintain a close working relationship with the members of the American Forest Resource Council and with Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management personnel responsible for developing and implementing land management projects. This position will require an understanding of the Forest Service and BLM land management planning methods including the ability to comment and assist in the development of forest plans with the primary focus on implementation of vegetative management projects. This position will also be responsible for setting up and conducting regularly scheduled meetings with the Forest Service and BLM to monitor expected timber volume outputs and to review projects in their various stages of development. This person will be expected to spend a majority of their time in the field reviewing projects for consistency with applicable plans and for economic/operational viability. This will require that the person has the necessary field skills and is comfortable working alone in remote BLM and Forest Service forests.

This position requires an assertive, self-motivated individual that works well with limited supervision, and is capable of developing an ongoing program of project monitoring on several national forests and BLM districts. This person must also be a good team player able to take input from other staff members or associations to identify successful strategies for this program. Applicants should have a combination of education and work experience in forest management that demonstrates the experience and skills to perform the duties of this position. A bachelor degree in forestry or natural resource management is required.

Employee is expected to provide transportation needed to execute the job's responsibilities. The Field Forester will drive between 40,000-50,000 miles a year and spend an average of one night a week on-the-road. Expenses are paid and a vehicle allowance is provided.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Become very familiar with the provisions of the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan and the 2008 BLM Western Oregon Plan Revisions, and work with both the Forest Service and BLM to help promote projects that in combination will attain the 1.1 billion board feet promised under the NWFP and the 502 million board feet called for under the WOPR.

2. Develop an understanding and working knowledge of individual forest plans and resource management plans to be effective in creating solutions to project implementations.
3. Prepare and submit comment letters representing AFRC member interests on BLM and Forest Service scoping, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statement documents in western Oregon.
4. Represent AFRC members' interests on public field tours of BLM and Forest Service projects.
5. Analyze the effects of potential legislation on AFRC members and work with AFRC staff to develop positions on legislation affecting AFRC members' interests.
6. Establish and maintain a rapport with members. Communicate regularly with AFRC staff and members, and respond promptly and appropriately to member needs.
7. Stay informed on important industry issues affecting the membership, the management of forest lands under the Northwest Forest Plan and WOPR, and the agencies charged with managing and regulating those lands.
8. Assist in developing and contributing to monitoring reports prepared for Board of Directors meetings.
9. Contribute newsworthy articles for the AFRC newsletter using the style guidelines.
10. Maintain regular communication with the AFRC Federal Timber Manager and President and promptly communicate membership concerns.
11. Identify potential new AFRC members based on timber purchasing history and company timber needs.
12. Other duties as assigned by the Federal Timber Manager and/or the President of AFRC.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Performance evaluation of the AFRC Western Oregon Field Forester will be based on the fulfillment of these responsibilities. Personal observation by the President and Federal Timber Manager, as well as input from the membership will be the basis of the evaluation. These evaluations are normally given in January or February.