

Job Description

State Forest Forester Supervisor-Forester 3

Location: Somerville, TN

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This State Forest Forester position is located within the West Tennessee District and is responsible for implementing forest management activities on 5,477 acres of the Wolf River State Forest.

Specific Job Duties:

PLANNING

1. Provides input and guidance to the WTN Assistant District Forester for State Forests regarding forest management activities on Wolf River State Forest.
2. Administers a compartment plan process to help provide multiple use benefits for the people of Tennessee. The primary uses include timber production, wildlife habitat, recreation, water quality, natural resource research, forest resource management demonstrations, and aesthetics.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Executes forest management prescriptions such as timber harvesting, prescribed burning, and invasive plant control as directed by compartment plans.
2. Utilizes ArcGIS and other technology to collect forest inventory and document state forest management activities.
3. Provides technical assistance and conducts forest management demonstrations to landowners, schools, communities, non-profits, municipalities, and cities through field day activities performed on the state forest.

FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Works with the West Tennessee District Forester and the State Forest Unit Leader to develop and manage the Wolf River State Forest operating budget.
2. Follows all state purchasing processes and policies and ensures those same policies and processes are adhered to by both direct reports and indirect reports.

SUPERVISION

1. Directly supervises 1 Forestry Technician and indirectly supervises 1 Forestry Aide
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2. Develops annual Individual Performance Plans and conducts interim and annual reviews for direct reports.
3. Oversees all personnel actions on the state forest.

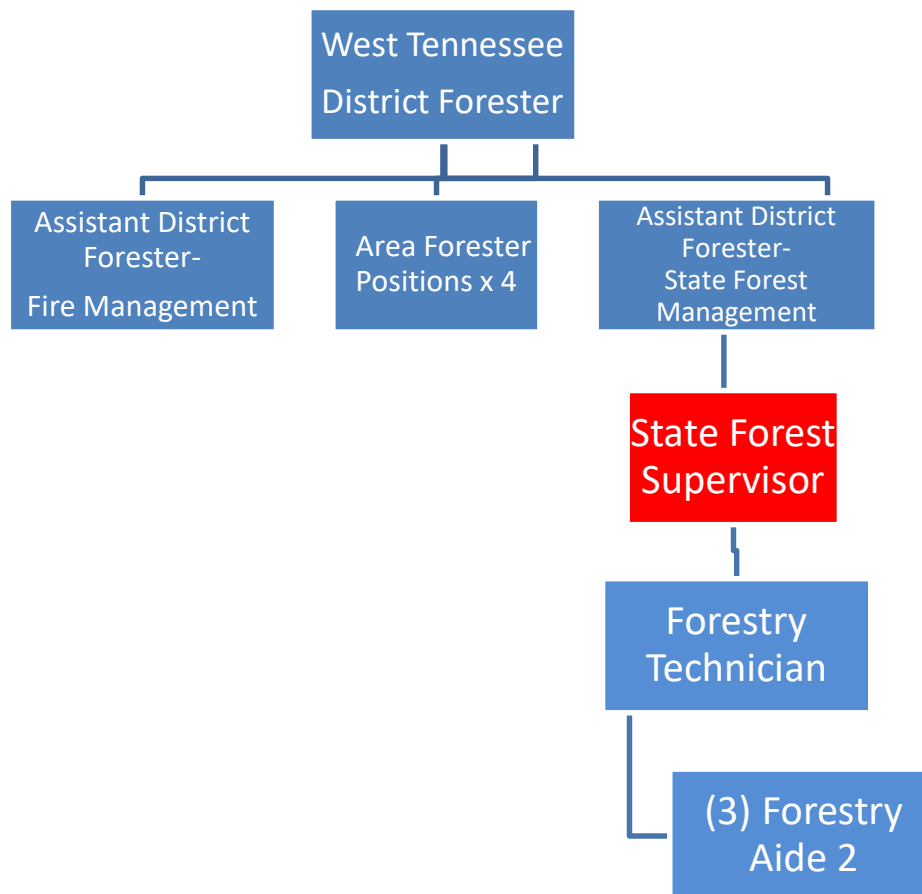
Application link can be found on the State of Tennessee Careers Portal page:

<https://stateoftn-careers.ttcportals.com/>

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You must attach a copy of your transcripts

Organization:



Division Background

The Tennessee Division of Forestry (TDF) celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2014. One of the Division's first missions was to plant trees on eroded and abandoned farm land in the western part of the state. Over the decades, TDF has grown to protect, conserve, and enhance Tennessee's 14 million acres of forest land through forest health protection, rural and urban forest management, wildfire and prescribed fire management, water quality protection, forest business services, state forest management and conservation education. Today, TDF employs over 400 personnel statewide and is well known as the wildfire and forest health experts. The Division resides within the Tennessee Department of Agriculture whose mission is to promote wise uses of Tennessee's agricultural and forest resources, to develop economic opportunities, and to ensure safe and dependable food, fuel, and fiber for all citizens.

Wolf River State Forest

Wolf River State Forest (WRSF) is located in Fayette County on the Coastal Plain in West Tennessee. The USFS Legacy Program in addition to money from several partnering Tennessee State Agencies, including TDF, purchased this land making up the forest in 2024; the lands at the time of acquisition were well managed and conserved through efforts by the Hobart Ames Foundation and University of Tennessee (UT). The Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division assumed responsibility for 5,477 acres and this land is now a State Forest. Approximately 35% of the Forest is in hardwood types, about 35% is in southern yellow pines, and the remainder is in mixed pine and hardwood cover. The Forest is dominated by stands of mature sawtimber. About 3,500 acres of this forest are upland pine and hardwoods and about 1,000 acres are bottomland hardwood. This area was managed as an un-even aged forest.

In the past, there were various UT educational and demonstration programs that had occurred on WRSF for several years. We intend to allow UT and The Ames Foundation personnel to continue to offer educational opportunities on the Wolf River State Forest.

There are several tree orchards, established for genetic preservation and research within the boundary of WRSF. We have an agreement (MOU) that TDF will allow the orchard managers (UT) to continue to have access to maintain and study these Shackelford Orchards.

WRSF has 42 documented archaeology sites, including old house places and several cemeteries that we will work to protect and maintain for historical preservation.

WRSF has a large area of bottomland hardwood and this area is on the edge of a tributary going directly into Wolf River. Gates are placed at the obvious entry points, not to keep people out, but to encourage "foot traffic only." We will need to take extreme steps to protect this forest from soil erosion.

Ames Foundation used a Lease Hunting program in the past, but now this area is designated as a Public Hunting Area (PHA) which means anyone can hunt on it which may lead to additional conflict.