FORESTRY CAREERS
WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION
Forester

• Make woodland examinations and write plans tailored to a landowner’s management objectives.

• Mark timber, conduct prescribed burning, supervise harvesting and planting operations, work with wildlife, soil conservation and other natural resource agencies, and involved in forest fire prevention and suppression.

• May also work in special programs such as urban forestry, insect and disease management, marketing, conservation education and environmental affairs.

Job Qualifications

• Bachelor’s degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

• Must become a registered forester.
Types of Foresters

Project Forester
- Private landowner forest management assistance.

Stewardship Forester
- Private landowner multiple use management planning and assistance.

BMP Forester
- Water and environmental quality inspections relating to forest management.
FOREST MANAGEMENT CAREERS

Types of Foresters

FIA Forester
• Statewide forest resource inventory.

Urban Forester
• Community forest management and planning.

Protection Forester
• Insect and disease monitoring, diagnosis, and management;
• Wildfire control and planning.
FOREST PROTECTION CAREERS

Forestry Technician I

• Primary duty is the suppression of wildfires;
• Must be available to be quickly dispatched to the location of a fire;
• Use mechanized equipment and/or hand tools to contain the fire;
• Also perform routine equipment maintenance and assist with fire prevention programs.

Job Qualifications

• High school graduation and one year of work experience, preferably in equipment operation. Preferred qualifications: two-year degree in forestry, natural resources, or other related field;
• Must also pass a physical fitness test.
FOREST PROTECTION CAREERS

Forestry Technician II

- Most will work at one of the Commission’s state forests;
- Duties include tree planting, wildlife management, prescribed burning and heavy equipment operation.

Job Qualifications

- Must have an associate degree in forestry or equivalent experience.
FOREST PROTECTION CAREERS

Forestry Technician III/Supervisor

• Manages fire suppression activities and supervise Forestry Technician Is;
• Responsible for forest fire law enforcement and fire prevention activities;
• Receive advanced training in law enforcement and wildland firefighting;

Job Qualifications

• High school graduation;
• Two years’ experience related to forest fire control or an equivalent combination of experience.
Where does the Forestry Commission employ personnel?

- The Forestry Commission employs personnel in every county of the state. Counties are organized under Unit Foresters, who report to Regional Foresters;
- The Commission also operates five state forests and a nursery;
- The State Forester’s office and headquarters for program planning, administration, information technology and education are centrally located in Columbia.

Employee benefits

As a South Carolina state agency, the Forestry Commission offers a full range of fringe benefits, including:

- paid annual and sick leave;
- health, dental, and life insurance plans;
- and an excellent retirement system.
Where can you search for Forestry Commission jobs?

- South Carolina Forestry Commission job openings will be posted online at www.jobs.sc.gov.

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