

Job Title: Area Forester

Job Information

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Job Requisition ID: 15451
Ministry: Agriculture & Forestry
Location: Lac La Biche or Athabasca
Full or Part-Time: Full Time
Hours of Work: 36.25 hours per week
Regular/Temporary: Ongoing
Scope: Open Competition
Closing Date: October 18, 2021
Classification: Subsidiary 05B 3625 Natural Resources 8

About Us

The Government of Alberta is committed to a diverse and inclusive public service that reflects the population we serve to best meet the needs of Albertans. Consider joining a team where diversity, inclusion and innovation are valued and supported. For more information on diversity and inclusion, please visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/diversity-inclusion-policy.aspx>

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (AF) is responsible for the policies, legislation, regulations and services necessary for Alberta's agriculture, food and forest sectors to grow, prosper and diversify; inspires public confidence in wildfire and forest management and the quality and safety of food; supports environmentally sustainable resource management practices; and leads collaboration that enables safe and resilient rural communities. For more information about the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry please visit our website at: <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app21/rtw/index.jsp>

Role

Reporting directly to the Senior Area Forester, The Area Forester ensures the sustainability of the forest resources in the Lac La Biche Forest Area.

The Area Forester is instrumental in reviewing and recommending approval plans, community timber permit programs, Forest Health and Wildfire Management core work, and developing plans for white area timber allocation.

This position plays a critical role in monitoring industry planning, Silviculture activities and forest operations and ensuring consistency and quota Forest Management Plans, provincial legislation, and policy and departmental directives. The incumbent will communicate sustainable forest management objectives and strategies to various stakeholders, including forest and other industries, municipal governments, public and First Nations. This position will also involve conflicts mediation between interest groups to ensure issues are managed locally.

This position will ensure that the operational aspects are complete per provincial legislation and timber production monitoring requirements, this includes assisting in the management and delivery of the Forest Operations Monitoring Program and Reforestation Standards of Alberta surveys. The Area Forester helps develop and implement detailed Forest Management Plans and supports the negotiation of and adherence to area-specific Operating Ground Rules.

Qualifications

The minimum requirements for this role are a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry or natural resource-related field plus four years of related experience, or a Diploma in Forest Technology or natural resource-related field plus six years of related experience.

The candidate must be eligible to register as a Regulated Forestry Professional with the Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals.

The ability to operate all equipment required to carry out the job (off highway vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, snowmobiles) is required.

In-depth knowledge of computer software, including software government applications: Microsoft Office, ArcMap and other GIS applications, is preferred.

Strong mediation and negotiation skills and the ability to develop and maintain strategic partnerships with various stakeholders is an asset. Project management skills are considered an asset. Preference will be given to those who have extensive knowledge of existing forest management and land management legislation, acts, policies and agreements.

APS Competencies

Competencies are behaviors that are essential to reach our goals in serving Albertans. We encourage you to have an in depth understanding of the competencies that are required for this opportunity and to be prepared to demonstrate them during the recruitment process.

The link below will assist you with understanding competencies: <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/psc-alberta-public-service-competency-model.pdf>

About Your competencies:

- Creative Problem Solving: to come up with solutions to solve complex problems while balancing the development, conservation, and use of resources
- Drive for Results: to strive to exceed expectations and maximize resources to achieve results that are aligned with the goals of the department while maintaining accountability to both internal and external stakeholders
- Develop Networks: to maintain close relations with all stakeholders, actively incorporate the needs of the broader group, and ensure overall client satisfaction
- Build Collaborative Environments: to ensure a collaborative approach is taken within your work to facilitate open communication and leverage team skills to achieve desired outcomes
- Agility: Identifies alternative approaches or courses of action in unclear and complex situations. Supports others to identify, assess, and use alternative approaches

Salary

\$2,818.88 to \$3,640.79 bi-weekly (\$73,572 to \$95,024 annually)

Notes

This competition may be used to fill future vacancies, across the Government of Alberta, at the same or lower classification level.

This position is a full-time, permanent role with the standard work hours of 36.25, Monday to Friday.

Some travel and overtime will be required periodically to meet operational needs.

What We Offer:

- Comprehensive benefits plan: <https://myaps.alberta.ca/Pages/My-HR/Benefits.aspx>
- Pension plan:
 - PSPP - <https://myaps.alberta.ca/Pages/My-HR/Pensions-and-Retirement/Pensions.aspx>
 - MEPP - <http://www.mepp.ca/>
- Leadership and mentorship programs
- Professional learning and development
- Positive workplace culture and work-life balance

How To Apply

Click on the "Apply Now" button.

Candidates are required to apply for a job online. Please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/navigating-online-jobs-application.aspx> to learn more about creating a candidate profile and other tips for the Government of Alberta's online application system.

If you are not currently an employee with the Government of Alberta, the first step in applying for a job is creating your candidate profile within our online application system, click here to access the main log in page where you are able to 'Create an account', reset your password ('Forgot your password') or 'Sign In' should you already have an account.

Existing employees should access the Career tile in 1GX to submit their application in order to be recognized as an internal applicant.

Once you have created your candidate profile, visit the Alberta Public Service job site to apply for jobs at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-public-service-jobs.aspx>

Tips for applicants:

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-public-service-hiring-process.aspx>

<https://alis.alberta.ca/look-for-work/>

<https://www.alberta.ca/apply-for-jobs-with-the-alberta-public-service.aspx>

It is recommended that applicants who have obtained educational credentials from outside of Canada and have not had them previously assessed, obtain an evaluation of their credentials from the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) <https://www.alberta.ca/iqas-overview.aspx>. Applicants are encouraged to include the assessment certificate from IQAS or any other educational assessment service as part of their application.

Closing Statement

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We thank all applicants for their interest. All applications will be reviewed to determine which candidates' qualifications most closely match the advertised requirements. Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted.

If you require any further information on this job posting or a copy of the role profile, please contact Eunice Mingollo, TAS Administrator at Eunice.Mingollo@gov.ab.ca.

If this competition is closed as per the closing date noted above, please continue to check <http://www.jobs.alberta.ca> for a listing of current career opportunities with the Government of Alberta.