

# Looking for a career with purpose and passion?

## Forester

Ministry of Environment  
Prince Albert and Meadow Lake, SK

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The Ministry of Environment takes a team-based approach to protecting Saskatchewan's environment for the wellbeing of the province, its people and its future. We use science-based solutions and environmental laws to help safeguard communities, protect our air, land, water and habitat. The Ministry focuses on the long-term success of our forests by incorporating resource sustainability, innovation and development of value added products. This approach fosters an environment rich with opportunity while providing career stability. We are committed to high citizen and client satisfaction through workplace excellence, continuous improvement and innovation.

Our leaders demonstrate the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to ensuring workplace health and safety.

Are you a leader with the ability to work successfully in a team environment, a desire to foster a positive health and safety culture, and an interest in increasing your technical knowledge related to the Forestry industry? The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment has exciting opportunities in the Forest Service Branch located in both the Prince Albert and Meadow Lake offices. As a Forester, you will support the sustainable growth of Saskatchewan's forest sector by leading teams responsible for ensuring forest operations and compliance programs support the Ministry's shift to a more results-based, service-oriented, regulatory approach to attaining desired forest management outcomes.

As the Forester, you will:

- work with strong team of operations staff located in either the Prince Albert or Meadow Lake office who are responsible for regulating forest industry operations and ensuring compliance on Crown forest lands;
- lead review and approval of forest industry operating plans on a defined lanbase within those areas which authorize the harvest of forest products by ensuring that operating plans are compliant with The Forest Resources Management Act, forest management plans and applicable operational standards;
- participate in training, motivating and monitoring performance of assigned staff and/or people under the supervision of the Area Forester; and from time to time delegate work assignments/activities to meet unit, branch and ministry objectives and mandates in a productive, effective, healthy, and respectful work environment;
- participate in and from time to time lead in compliance related activities within the Prince Albert and Meadow Lake areas including field investigations, either self-initiated or in response to complaints/inquiries, gather necessary information and evidence, determine appropriate response, formulate and implement a course of action;
- mediate, negotiate and facilitate discussion of issues/lead or participate in public consultations with a wide variety of people such as co-workers, stakeholders, media, First Nations, agencies, and the public, in matters related to forest and ecosystem management;
- interpret and apply applicable federal and provincial legislation and policies, programs and agreements relating primarily to forestry and environmental protection; and
- provide forest policy direction and forest management expertise to other branches and government ministries, and will support senior ministry staff on forest management and policy issues.

Required knowledge, skills and abilities:

- demonstrated ability to lead, support, create and sustain an environment that enables staff to achieve results and to develop and build organizational capacity for the future;
- strong verbal and/or in writing skills to relay technical, policy and/or forestry related information and develop and/or deliver accurate presentations on ecosystem related information to promote understanding and educate a wide and varied audience;
- the ability to lead strategic initiatives, manage change and achieve positive results;
- the ability to learn and adapt to new technology;
- a fundamental understanding of process and policy development;
- a fundamental understanding of provincial acts and regulations concerning the utilization and administration of forest resources;
- an understanding of natural resource law compliance and enforcement activities and processes;
- knowledge of principles related to ecosystem-based forest management;
- significant direct experience with forest operations including: operational planning, harvesting, road construction and decommissioning, water crossing installation and reclamation, and forest renewal;
- possess an understanding of compliance and enforcement theories and application, as well as the higher level linkages between strategic and operational planning processes;
- the ability to develop and maintain effective relations with industry, aboriginal communities and the public is an important component of the position;
- the ability to communicate effectively and collaborate strategically with a wide variety of stakeholders, clients and regulated communities and balance the needs and interests of these diverse groups; and
- the ability to accurately create, format, edit and retrieve data using a variety of computer software such as word processing, spreadsheet, presentations and database applications.

Typically, the competencies required for this position would be obtained through the completion of a Bachelor's of Science in Forestry degree, supplemented with several years of related experience in the forest industry or a government forestry agency.

**The successful candidate must be eligible to obtain membership as an RPF with the Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals within two years of commencement.**

This position will require travel to remote locations to conduct work activities, work irregular hours, conduct field evaluations, and operate trucks and all-terrain vehicles.

**Closing Date:** March 12, 2021

**Competition Number:** ENV001946

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