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Forest Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Ministry of Environment
Meadow Lake, SK



The Ministry of Environment takes a team-based approach to protect Saskatchewan's environment for the well-being of the province, its people and its future. We use science-based solutions and environmental laws to help safeguard communities and protect our air, land, water and habitat. We are committed to providing superior 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 proactive, self-directed, analytical individual with the ability to work successfully in a team environment? Do you have 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 an exciting opportunity in the Forest Service Branch located in Meadow Lake. As a Forest Ecosystems Protection Specialist, you will support the sustainable growth of Saskatchewan's forest sector by implementing policy and procedural changes that ensure forest operational planning and compliance programs which support the Ministry's results-based, service-oriented, regulatory approach to attaining desired forest management outcomes.

As a Forest Ecosystems Protection Specialist, under the guidance of the Area Forester, you will:

- work with a strong team of operations staff located in Meadow Lake who are responsible for regulating forest industry operations and ensuring compliance on Crown forest lands;
- review and approve forest industry operating plans within the Meadow Lake area that 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;
- review and approve silviculture, grazing, and other industrial developments;
- carry out compliance-related activities within the Meadow Lake area including field inspections, investigations, and gather necessary information and evidence, either self-initiated or in response to complaints/inquiries;
- mediate, negotiate and facilitate discussion of issues; lead public consultations with a wide variety of people such as co-workers, stakeholders, media, First Nations (duty to consult), 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;
- provide input into forest policy direction and forest management expertise to other branches and government ministries; support senior ministry staff on forest management and policy issues; and
- work with other resource management specialists in response to forest management challenges to develop solutions in keeping with the Ministry's ecosystem management principles.

Consideration will be given to candidates graduating in April, 2022.

Typically, the competencies required for this position would be obtained through the completion of a Forestry Technician program, forestry degree program or allied science degree program supplemented with related work experience.

The successful candidate must be eligible for membership 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: November 23, 2021

Competition Number: ENV002068

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