



# FEATHER RIVER

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## **INTRODUCTION**

This opportunity is for a Seasonal Forestry Technician position working primarily on the Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project on the Plumas National Forest. Project will complete watershed and forest health restoration activities in areas where the high severity fire occurred and is located on National Forest System lands on the Plumas National Forest (PNF), Mt. Hough Ranger District. Position is based out of Quincy, CA.

Technical duties include, but not limited to, reforestation contract inspection, timber stand improvement (TSI), hazardous fuels reduction, and habitat and landscape restoration. Two (2) to five (5) seasonal positions from approximately early March to early November 2022. Start and end dates may change due to snowpack and weather conditions. Compensation between \$15-\$20/hour, dependent on experience.

## **MAJOR DUTIES**

- Serves as inspector on specific contracts as assigned. Inspects silviculture contract work (e.g., planting, thinning, seeding, site preparation) for compliance with contract. Directs contractor in steps necessary for contract compliance and reports violations to the Project Assistant (PA) or Contracting Operator Representative (COR). Ensures all provisions are enforced and proper measures are taken to protect or enhance values in accordance with contract objectives.
- Performs work for the purpose of aspen stand restoration including hand thinning and building fencing to reduce browse impacts.
- Utilizes chainsaws frequently for the purpose of hazardous fuels reduction. Work includes hand thinning with chainsaws and building and wrapping slash piles.
- Working on wetland and riparian mitigation projects performing duties related to riparian enhancement and invasive weed control. Major duties include planting, plant protection, irrigation operation and maintenance, assisting with botanical surveys, hand pulling invasive weeds, biological surveys and monitoring.
- Conduct surveys for yellow-legged frogs and California spotted owls.
- Establish boundaries and exclusions for project areas using flagging, tablets, and GPS devices.

## **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

This position requires flexibility in duties and responsibilities. Position may also require:

- Participation in prescribed fires and pile burning.
- Biological surveys for flora and fauna.
- Utilizing GPS devices to map boundaries.
- Collecting rust resistant Sugar Pine cones
- Other duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Minimum Qualifications:** The successful applicant for the position must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Working towards or have already obtained a bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resource sciences, biology, or related field preferred. Related work experience may substitute for education qualification.
- A valid driver's license and a safe driving record. (4-wheel drive experience preferred.)
- Ability and willingness to be away from home for overnight stays, camp in remote areas, work in inclement weather, and work on holidays and weekends.
- Physical capability and endurance to conduct fieldwork in remote settings under strenuous conditions, including the ability to carry up to 50 lbs. over rough terrain and hike for an extended length of time in extreme heat.
- Knowledge of the fundamentals of natural resource management, forestry, ecology and general concepts involved in the district assignment.
- Ability to adhere to workplace safety and COVID-19 protocols.

**Desired Qualifications:** Ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following skills:

- Knowledge of natural resource management, particularly forestry and silviculture.
- Knowledge of, and work experience with, forest management and/or field surveys.
- Experience with natural resource management.
- Experience hiking in the Sierra Nevada or similar high elevation areas.
- Experience and aptitude operating handheld electronic equipment, such as smart phones, digital cameras, GPS units, radios, tablets, etc.
- Experience and/or training with chainsaw usage and maintenance.
- Sufficient experience with computer applications to input and manage data, including MS Office programs.
- Ability to be well organized and handle occasionally challenging field logistics.
- Ability to follow detailed field protocols and thoroughly collect data.
- Ability to effectively communicate with field crew members and the public.
- Ability to communicate in Spanish.
- Experience and/or training with prescribed fire and underburn techniques.
- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification.
- Possession of a red card, or prior red card certification.

This position requires long hours working in mountainous terrain and inclement weather, confidence in project design, and knowledge of silviculture practices. During inspection of planting release, inspectors will be inspecting and in proximity to herbicide spot-treatments.

Based on work availability and performance, this position has potential for extension. The Feather River Resource Conservation District has and is building other natural resource management programs including prescribed fire, watershed restoration, noxious weed control, and more.

**If participating in prescribed fire activities:** technician must provide their own fire boots meeting these criteria: 8-inch high Vibram sole leather boots. This gear is not a requirement for the position, but it is a requirement for this potential job duty.

**TO APPLY**

To apply for this position please email a cover letter and a current resume including 3 references in PDF format to Mitch Poling at [mpoling@frrcd.org](mailto:mpoling@frrcd.org). Applications must be submitted by the end of the day on January 5, 2021.

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