

Forestry Aide 2: Prescribed Fire Strike Team Crew Member

Location: Westel, TN

Salary Range: \$2,066 - \$3,305 Monthly

Job Description:

The Prescribed Fire Strike Team carries out on-the-ground forestry vendor services statewide, based on demand, resources, and weather. Under direct supervision of a Crew Boss, the crew member's primary function is prescribed fire and fuels planning that is implementation of moderate complexity. Other responsibilities may include forest management activities of average difficulty, hazard mitigation, fire suppression, and related work as directed. The Prescribed Fire Strike Team Crew Member will primarily work throughout the Cumberland Plateau and East TN Districts, and in other areas of the state as needed. This position will spend time on travel status, away from home base, the Westel Work Center in Rockwood, TN. Lodging and per diem reimbursement will be provided while on overnight travel assignment.

The Prescribed Fire Strike Team resides within the Forest Health and Sustainability Unit. This unit has five major program areas; forest management, forest health, forest stewardship, water quality, and urban forestry. This strike team is overseen by a coordinator who reports to the unit leader.

Specific Job Duties:

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Prescribed burn preparation, implementation, and post-fire monitoring with Tennessee Division of Forestry personnel and partners.
2. Forestry management activities including but not limited to forest inventory, boundary marking, and brush/tree removal.
3. Tool and equipment inventory and maintenance.
4. TDF facility, TDF property, and work area maintenance and upkeep.
5. Heavy physical work in variable weather conditions, at remote locations, on difficult and hazardous terrain, and under physically demanding circumstances.
6. Other TDF activities as directed.
7. Federal &/or in-state wildland fire assignments. (Upon request, satisfactory performance, completion of standard work, and supervisor approval)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

8. Education equivalent to graduation from a standard high school and experience equivalent to one year of full-time work in one of the following areas: (1) fire suppression or fire prevention, or (2) the conservation of trees, soil, water, or wildlife, or (3) the farming, ranching, or harvesting of forest products or orchards, or (4) land surveying or mapping, or (5) the operation of sawmills or tractors or bulldozers, or maintenance and repair of heavy equipment or carpentry.
9. Additional college coursework, with at least nine out of 45 quarter hours in renewable natural resources or horticulture from an accredited college or university may substitute for the required experience.
10. Experience in one of the above areas may be substituted for the required diploma on a year-for-year basis to a maximum of four years.
11. Applicants for positions that have fireline activity as one of their primary duties must take and pass the Job-Related Work Capacity Test for Wildland Firefighters (WCT). At minimum, this test consists of walking two miles with a 25-pound pack in 30 minutes or less. Qualification specific fitness levels exist for out of state incidents that may require successfully completing a Work Capacity Test at the Arduous Level of three miles with a 45-pound pack/vest, in 45 minutes or less.
12. Experience operating various types of equipment.
13. Must be able to obtain related licenses or certifications as required. (e.g. Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and driver's license).

Application link can be found on the Tennessee Division of Forestry's Careers page:

<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/employment-opportunities.html>

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You must send copy of transcripts to contact above

Division of Forestry Background

[The Tennessee Division of Forestry](#) (TDF) celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2014. One of the Division's first missions was to plant trees on eroded and abandoned farmland in the western part of the state. Over the decades, TDF has grown to conserve, protect, and enhance Tennessee's 14 million acres of forest land through forest health protection, rural and urban forest management, wildfire and prescribed fire management, water quality protection, forest business services, state forest management and conservation education. Today, TDF employs over 400 personnel statewide and is well known as the wildfire and forest health experts. The Division resides within the Tennessee Department of Agriculture whose mission is to promote wise uses of Tennessee's agricultural and forest resources, to develop economic opportunities, and to ensure safe and dependable food, fuel, and fiber for all citizens.