



Stewardship – Responsibility - Innovation

Title: Forestry Field Assistant

Purpose: The Forestry Field Assistant is available to assist the Eastern Fresno County Fire Safe and Fuels Reduction Team. The purpose of this role is to support the fire safety and forest stewardship initiatives of the Sierra Resource Conservation District. The district serves local landowners in resource conservation.

Responsibilities/Duties:

Field Duties: Conduct Fire Risk Evaluations, Land Management Plans, Conducting Site Visits, Community Outreach Events, Assist with Firewise Community Outreach and Support, Assist Vegetation Management Operations, Tool Maintenance, Provide Safety Supervision.

Administrative duties: Upload, format, and deliver Evaluations and Plans to landowners, Track and report vegetation management and Fire Risk Evaluation numbers, Track and report community outreach numbers, Participate in team planning, Landowner communication and scheduling, utilize GIS software applications.

Reports to: Chelsea Hutchens, Forestry and Watershed Programs Manager

Commitment: \$20/hr for 20 hours a week to start. Flexible schedule, weekly staff meeting, occasional Saturdays/weekend commitments.

Qualifications: Interest in fire safety and supporting the foothill and mountain communities, identification of trees, plants and native species, MS Office and Excel proficiency, HS Diploma, attention to detail, self-starter, can do work with little to no supervision, team player, GPS knowledge preferred, willingness to work outside, comfortable overseeing vegetation management operations such as hauling and operating a woodchipper, chainsaw operation interest or experience, prescribed fire interest or experience, reading maps and navigation, natural resource management knowledge or experience preferred, vehicle preferred.

Benefits: Qualifying Paid Vacation, Medical, Mileage, Sick Pay, and Holidays. District Vehicle Use. Registered Professional Forester Apprenticeship Program.

This position qualifies for enrollment in the Sierra RCD Forester Apprenticeship Program. Employees can expect to be trained or begin learning Forest Practice Rules and Laws, write Fire Risk Evaluations and Land Management Plans, knowledge of rare and endangered species protections, knowledge of common forest insects and diseases found in Southern Sierra. Additionally, the ability to conduct forest inventory and fuel loading assessments, knowledge of California Environmental Quality Act and the ability to prepare those documents, and professionally interact with landowners, consultants and other government officials.