

VILAS COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Vilas County is hiring a **Project Forester Internship**.

This is a temporary entry level field forester position primarily responsible for assisting in forest reconnaissance and inventory. Duties include reconnaissance and inventory of approximately 9000-acres of backlog inventory; regeneration surveys on 1100-acres of plantations and stands of natural origins; and assistance in the establishment of timber sales.

Duties:

- Inventory and reconnaissance of 2000-acres of backlog inventory collecting field data on timber type, size, & density, age, habitat type, site index, and invasive species status.
- Regeneration surveys on 1100-acres of plantations and natural stands collecting data on survival, competition, and invasive species status and make recommendations as to release and/or supplemental planting needs.
- Assist County Foresters in timber sale administration; including scaling of timber products, haul permit compliance, timber sale establishment (pre-sale recommendations, management plans, sale boundaries, and marking).
- Assist County Forest Personnel in forest boundary line establishment and maintenance.
- Assist with timber stand improvement projects such as pruning and plantation release.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Associate's Degree plus minimum of 6 months experience in forest inventory and reconnaissance. OR Bachelor's Degree plus minimum of 3 months experience in forest inventory and reconnaissance.
- Valid WI driver's license and adequate auto insurance.
- Acquired knowledge and demonstrated proficiency in dendrology, mensuration, silvics, silviculture, soils and tree/plant identification.
- Knowledge of modern GIS and GPS equipment and integrated software.
- Ability and skill in the use of forestry equipment to include, but not limited to, the basal area gauge or prism, air photographs, compass, and hip chain.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and the public through effective oral and written communication.
- Ability to operate and maintain chainsaws, brush cutters, and power pruners. Pesticide safety training is a plus. Individual must be willing to work outdoors for long periods under adverse environmental conditions. Ability to work with limited supervision and accomplish work goals set by the Department.
- Must be physically capable of performing required duties.

Salary & Benefits: The rate of pay is \$13.50 and is scheduled M-F 7:30am - 4pm with ½ hour unpaid lunch. No benefits, except those required by law, are associated with this position.

Successful candidates must pass a drug screen, background check, and other potential pre-employment requirements. Application materials, including job description, are available on the County's website, www.co.vilas.wi.us fax: 715-479-3797, email krduen@co.vilas.wi.us or mail to Human Resources, Attn: Kris Duening, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521 **Application Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2017.**

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