

# Chestnut Ridge Forestry

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## MULTI - YEAR 2009-2010 JOB NOTICE

### **Job Title: Forester/Forest Technician**

**Positions available:** 10-13 stand examiners (Full/Part Time).

**Job Description:** Foresters/Forest technicians will be conducting Common Stand Exams (CSE), CFIs & FIA installs/re-measures and tree marking on National Forests in the lower 48 and specifically Regions 2,3,8,9 Common Stand Exams (CSE) Throughout the Rocky Mountains and Lake States. We presently have contracts running in Idaho, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Wisconsin, though almost anywhere in the lower 48 could be a future inventory with additional upcoming 2009 work expected in WY, NM, AR and CO. Winter months are spent in the southern states marking timber & CSEs.

**Work Period:** Full/Part-time positions starting in April. (Hiring Year Round)

**Wages/Salary:** Wage and cash fringe benefits starting at \$19.00-\$24.00/hour, (depending on Job Description/State) for Full/Part time positions. Qualified Subcontractors/Consultants (forestry degree and 1 season experience) \$30.00-\$45.00/hour. (The third full week after training, most subcontractors' average in the \$1,200-\$1600/week. range)

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Full Time Examiners (Employees & Subs) must have successfully completed a 4-year or 2-year curriculum in forestry (1 season and or relevant field experience preferred). We are extremely hot to fill 4 to 6 crew chief positions to conduct CSE on the Superior National Forest (MN) and Ouachita National Forest (AR). We also need 3-4 stand examiners (Natural Resource-Forestry) to conduct ground truthing (signature plots) on the Boise and Payette National Forests in Idaho. We're also extremely hot to pick up 4-6 experienced FIA Crew Chiefs for our Boise & Payette NF Initial Installs (900-1,000 plots, May-October 2009). These are traveling jobs with most foresters working 3+ states per year, though we have a # of opportunities for subcontractors who are only available in specific areas (MN, AR, PA, ID) for 4-5 month field seasons. Experienced Subcontractors/Consultants will have hiring preferences.

### **DUTIES**

Once hired, you will be responsible for conducting Common Stand Exams (CSE), FIAs and timber marking/ cruising on various National Forests throughout the lower 48. CSE Fieldwork requires recording tree data with a **PDR** on each point using a BAF prism; limiting distances will be measured. Some data collected include species, dbh, tree height, tree vigor, insect & disease, tree and stand age, seral stage or habitat type, canopy cover, ground cover, GPS Coordinates, fuels transects, aspect, topography, wildlife use, site index and many more measurements. All these duties will be discussed in depth and demonstrated during training, we have trained over 250 foresters/techs in the past and we'll teach you all the field skills you never learned in school. The timber marking/cruising jobs will entail all aspects of sale layout and marking. We're also hiring for GIS, Botany and Natural Resource Positions in conjunction with Forestry skills. Finally, we're also gearing up for FIAs throughout the Lower 48. We're hoping the Feds. will be contracting out more FIA re-measures and installs in the future and create some job opportunities.

Even though the timber industry & economy is in a major slump, we've locked in enough work to keep 20+ foresters busy through October 2009. And with locked in future commitments and with an extremely lean efficient crew, we feel we can compete anywhere in the country and keep rolling with future work. Along this line we're looking for the best and brightest with the drive to produce. 75% of our yearly production is accomplished between May and November and we expect our people to bust chops during this main field season. Winter work has been spotty in recent years, but we can normally expect 8-10 weeks of work from January thru April. This is also an excellent opportunity for ski bums who want to lock in a year's income in 7 months then can afford to hit the slopes in the winter.

Chestnut Ridge Forestry is a private forestry consultant with 20+ years of Federal contracting experience on over 35 National Forests in 20 states. We've also had a number of large CFI re-measures and Stand Exams with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Dept. of Defense. 2009 will be the 7th year that the US Forest Service will be implementing the Common Stand Exam (CSE) specifications NATIONWIDE. We expect to be awarded CSEs throughout the USA in 2009 and expect a number of Bureau of Indian Affairs Stand Exams & CFI re-measures as well. For anyone interested in future Forest Service/BIA positions, these are the jobs for you. We also expect to pick-up FIA re-measure and initial install contracts in a # of states. For experienced FIA examiners, you can expect to make \$1,400-\$2,000/weekly & join our elite group of FIA/CFI foresters.

The heart of our outfit is our core of subcontractors and consultants who travel the country, working in 2-4 states yearly (some of these consultants (home/family) stay in a small radius, working only 2-5 months). They make approximately \$40,000-\$60,000 working 7-10 months yearly. These jobs allow our Subs/Consultants to set their own schedules and though it is a pretty laid back environment (little supervision after training), you'll still need to help maintain CRFs production schedules. These are great opportunities for start-up consultants to have a solid income while gaining experience and building a base of clients in their off time.

All stand examiners must supply their own transportation and housing (camping or rental) and will normally work as a one person field crew. **All subcontractors will need to supply their own forestry equipment.** Although each examiner will be working independently on a compartment/packet, there will be 3-5 people assigned to each Forest/District & often camping/renting together. On timber marking contracts you'll normally work in a 2-5 person crew. The Spring/ Summer training classes will start in Early-April. May Grads training classes will start in Early-May and be every week till Early June, then as needed thereafter. *Please* send your resume and availability dates to the above New Mexico address or elfyock@pvtn.net.

Thanks,

Joel Fyock (Owner CRF)