OUTREACH NOTICE – Ohio Division of Forestry - Forester Positions to be filled

Timeframe – Expect to formally advertise in April or May

Locations TBD – southern and eastern Ohio

The Ohio Division of Forestry’s mission is to promote and apply management for the sustainable use of public and private forest lands. Our team works together on shared mission in many different program areas. Our field foresters are typically assigned one main program area, but often assist with our programs periodically.

**Forest Health Forester**
Leads field efforts for Hemlock woolly adelgid management program. Work includes inventory of hemlock forests, systemic treatment of hemlock trees, and work planning for technicians. Forester will also serve as the division’s liaison to partner groups and assist groups and volunteer organizations in HWA management.

**Land Management Forester**
Assists land management activities for multiple benefits on state forests. Ohio has 23 state forests covering over 200,000 acres, mostly located in southeastern Ohio. State Forests are certified by both FSC and SFI. The land management team performs stand inventories, silvicultural prescriptions, marks timber, and administers timber sales throughout the year. Foresters also participate in wildfire suppression, prescribed burning, and recreation planning. GPS, GIS, and familiarity with forest inventory software are key skills.

**State Service Forester (NRCS focused)**
State Service Foresters assist private landowners with forest management planning. This position will focus on the delivery of USDA Farm Bill programs (EQIP, CSP, CRP) to landowners over a broad region. In addition to administering farm bill programs, the forester will have at least one county assigned as the primary service forester which will ensure the forester is trained and familiar with all cooperative forestry programming (Call Before You Cut, Property tax reduction programs, timber marking, information and education activities).

**Qualifications Required**
Core coursework leading to a bachelor’s degree in Forestry, 12 months training or experience in computer software, 12 months experience in public relations (coursework can substitute)

**Salary and Benefits**
Salary and benefits for the state of Ohio are competitive compared to most state and federal agencies. Forester salary is Pay Range 30 in the State of Ohio system. Pay starts at $43,400/yr and extends to over $57,000/yr with longevity and service. Benefits include health insurance, life insurance, dental and vision, and wellness.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Greg Guess, Assistant Chief, at Greg.Guess@dnr.state.oh.us, and Alice Glaser, DOF HR Administrator, at Alice.Glaser@dnr.state.oh.us, for details.