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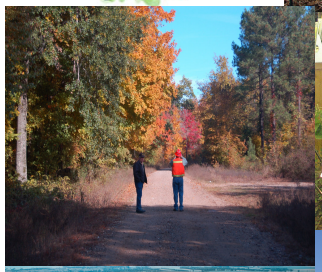

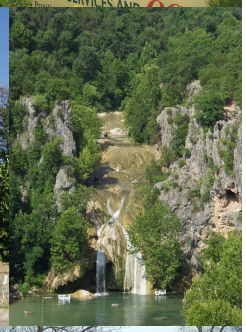

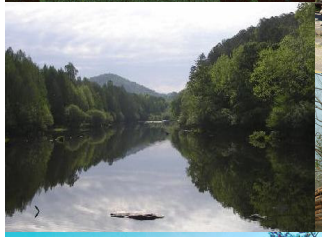

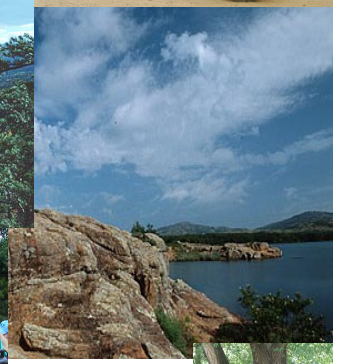

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PROFESSIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OKLAHOMA FORESTRY SERVICES

As the continental crossroads for a variety of forests, Oklahoma has a diversity of landscapes in which to practice forestry.

Although Oklahoma is commonly thought of only as a state with wide-open prairies, cattle, wheat fields, oil wells, and ranchland, approximately 10 million acres (about 25 percent) of its lands are presently forested. In fact, the eastern portion of the state has a vibrant forest industry.

Here the eastern forests meet the western grasslands. The biodiversity of the state is further enhanced by areas of the ponderosa pines of the Rocky Mountains, the mesquite scrubland of northern Texas, the oaks and hickories of the Ozark hardwoods, and the cypress swamps of Louisiana.

Oklahoma Forestry Services (OFS) is looking for highly motivated career-minded individuals with the interest, skills, and knowledge to be a part of our strong team of dedicated professionals serving a public as diverse as our landscapes.

As a forester with OFS, you will provide professional forestry assistance to landowners in the management of their lands and natural resources. This includes everything from writing management plans for rural landowners to assisting communities manage their urban forests.

OUR MISSION

To Manage, Enhance and Protect Oklahoma's Forests and Natural Resources for Present and Future Generations

Coupled with the management of our forests comes the responsibility of protecting them from destructive forces such as wildfire, insects, disease, and invasive species. Our personnel received the latest training on forest pest management, storm recovery management and advanced wildland fire management.

Oklahoma Forestry Services is the primary wildland fire agency in the state. We provide assistance to communities to develop their fire suppression capabilities as well as conducting initial attack fire suppression on more than six million acres of forests and grasslands.

If you want an more specialize career, consider our Forest Regeneration and Tree Improvement programs. OFS operates one of the premier publicly owned forest regeneration centers in the nation and a state-of-the-art tree improvement facility.

Our regeneration specialists provide genetically superior seed for a number of species and grow over 30 species of trees and shrubs for reforestation, wildlife, windbreaks, erosion control, air and water quality, and other critical environmental and natural resource projects and practices.

DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Professional career opportunities exist in traditional forest management, urban forestry, protection, conservation, regeneration, tree improvement, education. Our personnel are provided opportunities for continuing education and encouraged to develop a strong network people and organizations to help them remain connected. Staying relevant helps us more effectively improve our state's natural resources and environment.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Oklahoma Forestry Service offers competitive salaries and an excellent flexible benefits package. Options are provided for health, dental and life insurance, and retirement benefits for the employee and their family.

New employees are provided ten paid holidays; three weeks of paid annual and sick leave; comp and flex time; longevity pay; a savings incentive plan; and retirement. Sick leave accumulates and an employee's vacation leave increases with years of service to a maximum of five weeks per year.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are five levels within the Forester job classification and four levels within the Forest Regeneration Specialist classification. Supervisory, management and leadership development courses are available and encouraged to provide motivated employees with a broad range of career advancement opportunities.