Position Announcement

Position: District 7 Forester, Northwest Kansas; Assistant Forester

Kansas Forest Service Division of the Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University

Description: Full time, Term Appointment, District Forester with the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University. Under joint programmatic supervision of the Agency’s Rural and Community Forestry Coordinators Kansas Forest Service, the incumbent will be responsible for providing rural and community forestry technical assistance to owners and managers of the regions rural and community forests.

Location: Hays, Kansas

Rural and Community Forest Resources Management

Provide technical forestry assistance to landowners, land managers, community leaders, and federal, state and local agencies and organizations in preparation and implementation of forest, agro forest and community forest management plans including tree planting and management for farmstead, livestock, and field windbreaks; wildlife habitat; riparian zones; and street and park trees. Also, provide technical assistance for all federal and state cost-share programs where KFS has assigned technical responsibility, including approval and follow up inspections.

Minimum Qualifications: Undergraduate or graduate degree in Forestry or a closely related natural resource discipline. Ability to work effectively with others, both individually and in a team setting; organize work priorities and carry them out with limited supervision. Ability to communicate effectively (both orally and in writing).

Preferred Qualifications: Master’s degree in Forestry and/or Urban Forestry or a closely related natural resource discipline. Ability to work effectively with others, both individually and in a team setting; organize work priorities and carry them out with limited supervision. Ability to communicate effectively (both orally and in writing).

Other Requirements: Must have or have the ability to obtain a valid Driver’s license upon employment. Must be willing to travel in state and out of state.

Salary Range: $40,000 - $45,000. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

How to Apply: Complete application and upload: (1) Letter of application; (2) Current resume; (3) Academic transcripts; and (4) Name, address and phone numbers of three professional reference. You may also submit these materials to:
Screening of Applications: Screening of Applications will begin on July 18, 2016 and continue until position is filled.

Benefits: This is an unclassified position at Kansas State University. The University’s benefits package includes a retirement plan, group health and life insurance plans, workers compensation, vacation, sick leave and other benefits.

The Kansas Forest Service is organized under the Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas State University and has been a part of the University system since 1909. The agency is administered by the State Forester who reports to the Department Head – Horticulture and Natural Resources within the College of Agriculture.

The Kansas Forest Service mission is “Care of Natural Resources and Service to People Through Forestry.” The agency achieves its mission by administering forestry programs statewide. Technical assistance relating to the stewardship of private forest lands, urban and community forests, conservation tree planting, forest health and wildland fire protection is provided.

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans. A background check is required.