About This Role: The Kansas Forest Service is hiring a full-time position as the Forest Health Coordinator. This position is the Statewide, leadership level, subject matter expert for the Kansas Forest Service on matters related to Forest Health. This includes, but is not limited to, administrative responsibility for the management of forest health grants and reporting requirements. Another major expectation for this position is being the forest health point of contact with partner agencies and the public. Internally this position works to keep other KFS staff informed of status of forest health threats and current research on mitigation options. As a leadership level position the incumbent will assist in bringing a Forest Health perspective into agency direction and planning discussions. Strong organizational and prioritization skills will be key to success in this role.

Why Join Us: The Kansas Forest Service is the 5th oldest state forestry agency in the country established in 1887, and is housed as an independent agency within K-State Research and Extension. The agency employs 35 full-time employees, and 40+ temporary and student positions, housed in Manhattan, KS and offices throughout the state. Our programs include Rural Forestry, Community Forestry, Fire Management, Conservation Tree Planting, Forest Health, and Marketing and Utilization. Learn more at our website: www.kansasforests.org

Kansas State University offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, paid time off – vacation, sick, and holidays. To see what benefits are available, please visit: https://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits

We Support Diversity and Inclusion: Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the Principles of Community.

Worksite Options: This position is required to be performed on-site. Work is performed on employer premises or designated assignment location.

What You’ll Need to Succeed: Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree in forestry, plant pathology, entomology, natural resources, or a related field.

- Two years of professional experience to include independent field work in a natural resources field and administrative responsibilities such as reporting or financial accountability.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master’s degree in forestry, plant pathology, forest entomology, natural resources, ecology, plant physiology, or related field.
• Professional certifications such as Certified Forester or Arborist.

Other Requirements:
• Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.
• Valid driver’s license.
• Kansas pesticide applicator license within first year of employment.

How to Apply: Please submit the following documents:
1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Professional references
4. Academic transcripts

Screening of Applications Begins: Screening begins immediately and continues until position is filled. For best consideration, apply by August 30, 2024.

Anticipated Hiring Pay Range: $55,000 - $65,000

Equal Employment Opportunity: Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, disability or status as a protected veteran.

Background Screening Statement: In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.