

New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands

DIRECTOR/STATE FORESTER

Job location: Concord, New Hampshire

JOB DUTIES:

Responsible for executing all matters pertaining to forestry, forest management, and forestlands within the jurisdiction of the state (RSA 227-G:3). Under the direction of the Commissioner of the department, supervises 50 fulltime employees and over 100 part-time and seasonal staff; prepares and administers division budget; prepares testimony and testifies in front of Legislature; represents state on multiple committees, boards and commissions; executes matters pertaining to the use of state reservations; directs forest management on over 220,000 acres of public lands and oversees an additional 260,000 acres of conservation easements; coordinates overall prevention and control of woodland fires; coordinates overall forest health monitoring, reporting, and protection; directs enforcement of state laws and rules for the protection of forests and lands under the jurisdiction of the department; monitors and protects rare, threatened and endangered plants; oversees several facilities, including three conference centers, 15 fire towers, a state forest nursery, and a water-powered up and down sawmill; implements the urban and community forestry program and the forest stewardship program in conjunction with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Preferred qualifications include a bachelor's degree or higher in a natural resource related field, as well as 10+ years of experience in forestry or natural resource management, preferably including administrative and supervisory duties and functions, or a combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities. Must be able to obtain and maintain a New Hampshire Professional Forester's License (RSA 310-A:100). Must have a valid driver's license.

APPOINTMENT AND SALARY:

This is an unclassified appointed position that requires nomination by the Governor and approval by vote of the five-person Executive Council. Position serves a 4-year term (no term limit). Salary is based on state statute (RSA 94:1-a) and has a range of \$77,609 to \$108,149.

Interested applicants should send an electronic copy of their current resume and letter of interest to lisa.connell@dncr.nh.gov. **Deadline for submitting an application is 4:00 pm, Friday, May 22nd, 2020.** For questions, please call Lisa Connell, Commissioner's Assistant, at (603) 271-2214, or via email above.