

North Carolina Forest Service Career Opportunities



North Carolina Forest Service employees help protect, manage, develop and promote our state's forest resources. Here are some of the great career opportunities you will find with the N.C. Forest Service.

County Ranger and Assistant County Ranger – The N.C. Forest Service has a presence in all 100 North Carolina counties. County rangers and their staff provide personalized service and helpful information about everything from yard trees to woodlands. Careers begin with an associate degree in forest management or an environmental/natural science curriculum, or with an equivalent amount of experience.

Forest Fire Equipment Operators (FFEO) – FFEOs plow fire control lines in the woods using a crawler tractor called a “fire dozer.” They may also use their equipment to assist with forest management and forest development projects. FFEO positions require a CDL or a N.C. CDL permit and two years of experience operating heavy equipment.

Mechanic – For N.C. Forest Service mechanics, the shop can be anywhere. While each of our 13 district offices has a traditional shop facility, mechanics are sometimes called out to wildfires and other emergencies to get equipment back up and running. Mechanic careers start with a high school diploma or GED and two years of experience repairing vehicles or equipment.

Forester – Our foresters use science, research findings and best management practices to make sure North Carolina's forests are properly managed. Entry-level forester positions require a bachelor's degree in forestry from an SAF-accredited (Society of American Foresters) school or registration with the N.C. Board of Registration for Foresters.



Many other career opportunities with the N.C. Forest Service exist across the state. To learn more about them and the programs and services we provide for residents and landowners in North Carolina, visit our website.

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