

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY

Position: *Forest Management Outreach Specialist*

Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources
College of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University

This position is one of five specialist positions funded by a USDA Forest Service grant to the College of Natural Resources at NC State University, "Enhancing the Management and Utilization of North Carolina's Rural Natural Resources to Promote Economic and Community Development: *Creating Jobs for North Carolinians Through Better Natural Resources Utilization.*"

Description of Duties: The Forest Management Outreach Associate will be responsible for developing and delivering educational programs that will improve the quality and stocking of timber and other forest values, thereby; 1) increasing landowner after-tax income; 2) helping forest landowners to retain and improve their property; 3) improving the use of forest and soil quality BMPs; 4) enhancing wildlife habitat and other forest values; 5) fostering entrepreneurial opportunities such as herbs, mushrooms, pine-straw, tourism, etc. Program components will include timber marketing, financial and tax management, forest stewardship planning and management and timber stand improvement. Special emphasis will be placed on outreach to small, underserved and socially disadvantaged clientele. Programs will be coordinated with and through partnerships with the NC Cooperative Extension Service (specialists and county faculty), NC Division of Forest Resources, Natural Resources Conservation Service, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Farm Service Agency and other agencies as appropriate, as well as local land trusts and other non-governmental conservation organizations.

Location: The position will be available to work statewide, but will primarily work in the Eastern Piedmont and Coastal Plain of NC. Physical office location will be in the central Coastal Plain.

Education and Experience: BS plus 10 years or Masters or higher degree with 5 years of relevant experience is required. At least one degree must be in forestry. The individual hired will have a strong educational and experience background in forestry and general knowledge of the wood products industry in the target area, and preferably an advanced degree in forest management, business management, economic development or a related field. Outreach/extension experience is highly desirable.

Duration and Salary: The position is for the term of one year and can be extended for a total of three years based upon job performance and continued funding. Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience and NCSU benefits package are included.

Application: Send letter of application, resume, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to:

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