Area Forester – DeRidder, Louisiana

Great Career Opportunity! This position supports all forest management operations on approximately 300,000 acres in beautiful Vernon, Beauregard and Allen parishes in southwest Louisiana within Hancock Forest Management, Inc. (HFM) Southern Division. Daily assignments are performed in a friendly team environment with other HFM personnel.

What are the opportunities and benefits of this position?

- Diverse landscape to implement all facets of forest management
- Scenic beauty is plentiful with managed acres adjacent to Toledo Bend including numerous broad streams and rolling terrain that offer unique vistas
- A tremendous opportunity to gain proficiency in all aspects of forest management operations on a daily basis including safety leadership for contractors, land management operations, stewardship, silviculture, road maintenance, harvest administration, timber marketing support, reforestation, inventory support, and contractor relations
- An opportunity to work with HFM decision support staff at various locations.
- Implement Sustainable Forestry Initiative (‘SFI’) objectives and standards.
- Plan and forecast wood supply delivery objectives
- Gather and analyze market intelligence to help negotiate prices with area mills
- Build and maintain strong relationships with timber procurement personnel, logging contractors and HFM personnel in other areas

Key Activities of the position include.....

- Assisting timber harvesting operations including planning, harvest layout, contract administration, timber security, quality inspections and reporting
- Developing site specific silviculture prescriptions, planning, budgeting, implementing and performing quality inspections and reporting all applicable operations
- Administering local reforestation programs to ensure successful plantations are reestablished that meet or exceed growth expectations
- Update inventory and mapping software in conjunction with resource support personnel
- Support regional stewardship activities and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program objectives
- Assist with wood supply agreement administration as applicable
- Asset protection, working with external consultants, contractors and state agency personnel to ensure casualty losses are minimized
- Work with hunters and other recreational users to ensure license compliance
- Participate in special projects to add diversity and broaden skills

Position Requirements:
• A bachelor’s degree in Forestry
• 3-5 years’ experience is preferred
• Experience in managing contracts is a plus
• Self-motivation
• Strong computer and analytical skills
• Knowledge or ability to learn and apply key financial concepts to business decisions
• Must be team player and have strong communication skills
• Knowledge in product merchandising and local market specifications is a plus
• Client service orientation

Position Reports to: Regional Manager or Area Manager

HFM offers competitive compensation to attract future leaders. Compensation packages include Health Care package options, Dental and vision plans, Savings and Retirement Benefits, vacation, holiday, sick, personal and family care days. This position includes participation in a vehicle reimbursement plan for business use. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Qualified candidates should apply online Click HERE to Apply, or send a cover letter, salary requirements and resume in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format to jobs@hnrg.com. Hancock Forest Management offers a competitive compensation and benefit package, a team oriented work environment and growth opportunities for its employees.

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Primary Location
US-LA-DeRidder
Organization
PAM Front Office