Oklahoma Forestry Services  
A Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry

Outreach Notice

Forester IV (Water Quality Staff Forester)  
Location: Negotiable, southeast Oklahoma preferred  
Approximate Salary: $3,600/month (Range $2,919 to $5,352)  
Employment Status: Full-time  
Application Deadline: Open until filled

JOIN US AT OKLAHOMA FORESTRY SERVICES FOR A GREAT CAREER!

WE ARE RECRUITING TO FILL A PERMANENT, FULL-TIME WATER QUALITY FORESTER POSITION IN OKLAHOMA TO WORK WITH LOGGERS, LANDOWNERS AND ADMINISTRATORS IN PURSUIT OF IMPROVING WATER QUALITY ON OKLAHOMA’S FORESTLANDS.

Major Duties: The Water Quality Staff Forester develops and administers all aspects of Oklahoma Forestry Services’ comprehensive forest water quality management program. Specific duties include:

- Oversee the forestry best management practices (BMPs) in cooperation with key stakeholders.
- Conduct BMP monitoring to determine BMP implementation rates.
- Assist landowners, agency foresters, contractors and the industry concerning forest water quality issues.
- Raise awareness of landowners, land managers, forest industry and the public using BMP workshops, educational materials and exhibits, presentations, mass media, newsletters, demonstration areas.
- Train agency firefighters to use BMPs on firelines.
- Participate in state-level water planning efforts and seek opportunities for grant funding.
- Monitor legislation, rules and court decisions with policy implications and inform those who need to know.
- Investigate forest water quality complaints and work with landowners and contractors to resolve problems.
- Serve as the point of contact for our field staff on water-related issues statewide.

Education and Experience: Requirements for a Level IV Forester are a bachelor’s degree in forestry from an accredited university and three years of professional forestry experience; or a closely-related degree in natural resource management with six years of professional forester experience which includes forest management and wildland fire management and one additional year of qualifying experience in a supervisory capacity.

More Information: Contact Kurt Atkinson at 405.522.6147, kurt.atkinson@ag.ok.gov or Scott Huff at 405.288.2385, scott.huff@ag.ok.gov.

How to Apply: Visit http://www.jobs.ok.gov/OK. Degrees in natural resources or those that are equivalent to forestry sometimes get kicked out as not qualified, so be sure to indicate your degree is in forestry or you have a forestry emphasis. Check out other OFS opportunities at http://www.forestry.ok.gov/employment.

Sunrise on Broken Bow Lake in southeast Oklahoma
**State Description:** Oklahoma has a diverse landscape with nine different forest types and thirteen Level IV ecoregions, one of the top three states in natural diversity. Forest types that are commonly associated with states in the northeast (hardwoods), the southeast (the pineywoods and baldcypress), the arid southwest (mesquite) and even the Rocky Mountains (ponderosa pine and pinyon) are represented across Oklahoma’s landscape. Straddling the boundary between woodlands and prairies is the Cross Timbers, an expanse of post oak and blackjack oak. Oklahoma’s climate is continental with mild winters and hot, humid summers. Most of Oklahoma’s precipitation occurs in the spring and fall averaging over 50 inches in southeastern Oklahoma to just 18 inches in the northwest. Oklahoma occasionally suffers through extended periods of drought that tend to limit native vegetation communities to a great extent, especially along the western fringes of the eastern and southeastern forest types common to the United States’ eastern states.

Oklahoma is usually depicted as a land of wide-open prairies and few trees. People are generally surprised to learn that more than more than one-quarter of the state’s 44 million acres is forested. Oklahoma’s landscape is currently covered with approximately 12.6 million acres of forests. The state’s most productive forests, in terms of growth rates and timber harvesting activity, are found in the eastern and southeastern part of the state, but forests with unique and significant values can be found statewide.

**Location and Recreational Resources:**
Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department - [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com)

About Oklahoma Forestry Services: Oklahoma Forestry Services consists of a relatively small team of professional foresters, firefighters/rangers and support staff. The organization’s size provides foresters with a variety of work experiences, the opportunity to assist with other operations and a diversity of special projects.

Learn more about Oklahoma Forestry Services:
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[www.facebook.com/OklahomaForestry](http://www.facebook.com/OklahomaForestry)
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Floating and fishing are popular activities in eastern Oklahoma’s streams

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