

VISION STATEMENT :

The Division of Forest Protection is recognized as the expert in the field of forest resource protection, presuppression, suppression, and investigation of fires that threaten Maine's forest and other lands. We are forest resource professionals providing quality public service through education, assistance, and enforcement. We create partnerships with cooperators to better serve those who live, work, and recreate in Maine's forest. We are educated, capable, well equipped, and responsive team of resource protection professionals who use innovative technologies and management skills to make our work more efficient and our activities more effective.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Division of Forest Protection is to protect homes and Maine's forest resources from wildfire, respond to disasters and emergencies and to enhance the safe, sound, and responsible management of the forest for this and future generations.

JOB DESCRIPTION :

This is an investigative and protective services work in the detection, prevention, presuppression, and suppression of forest fires and in the enforcement of forestry, environmental, and conservation laws. Work includes preparing and updating fire action plans, training firefighters, and supervising firefighting operations; patrolling and inspecting an assigned area; observing, reporting, and prosecuting violations; investigating suspicious fires and suspected criminal activities; conducting public information and education programs; completing assessments in wildland urban interface areas; participating in all-risk assignments and preparing records and reports.

To be a successful Forest Ranger, an individual must possess considerable knowledge of basic forest fire control, safety, and basic forestry practices. One must also possess the ability to work independently over a large geographic area, establish and maintain effective working relationships in routine and emergency situations, work long hours, communicate effectively orally and in writing, use good judgment, and make sound decisions, all under adverse and stressful conditions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify, a candidate must have an Associates Degree from a credited college which includes 15 credit hours in a natural science, OR a two (2) year combination of directly related education, training, and or experience in forestry practices and management or equivalent. Natural Science is a science which relates to the environment or the natural world and includes but is not limited to forestry, biology, geology, chemistry, physics, botany, zoology, etc.. The candidate must also have or be able to obtain a valid Maine Drivers License and be eligible to legally work in the U.S..

TESTING AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Because of the responsibilities and authority of a Forest Ranger, the selection process is extensive and thorough. The process is conducted by the Bureau of Human Resources and the Department of Conservation. This process involves multiple evaluation phases. **The candidate must successfully complete each phase in order to proceed to the next.** These phases include : Application Period, Physical Fitness Test, and Oral/Structured Interview. Successful applicants are offered conditional employment contingent upon passing an extensive background investigation, polygraph examination, and a physical examination. New Rangers are required to attend and successfully complete the Maine Forest Ranger Academy.

Career Information Pamphlet

Any questions concerning the Forest Ranger II job classification, can be answered by calling the Maine Forest Service at (207) 287-4990. Information can also be found by visiting www.maineforestservice.gov

If the application period is open, please request a complete application packet with all the information that is needed to apply. If it is not open, we will add your name to our mailing list. When the application period opens again, we will send you the application packet at that time.



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