

Restoration Forester/ Conservation Planner



Do you have a passion for forests and knowledge of how to achieve landscape level forest health? This is not your typical forester position and requires someone with a holistic mindset and some experience for innovative forest management. The Butte County Resource Conservation District is looking for someone who can tackle serious forestry issues helping our woodlands recover post wildfire while developing landscape-level resiliency projects that protect our standing forests for the future. This position requires working collaboratively with private landowners, partner organizations, state, and federal agencies. You'll assemble and lead a team to develop forest management plans and projects, guide your projects through the permitting process, and make sure the project is finished on-time, in budget, and to design. You need to be a California Registered Professional Forester, or be well on your way to becoming an RPF, along with having experience developing CEQA/ NEPA surveys and documents.

Your Week

If you were the Butte County RCD Forester, you might:

- Check in with your forestry technicians to line-out forest inventory tasks for the week, take an afternoon to field check the work in progress, or conduct a continuing education session for your team.
- Meet with the Lassen or Plumas National Forest (working under the BCRCO Master Stewardship Agreement) Silviculturist and/ or Fuels Team to design a forest health project.
- Coordinate with the BCRCO Watershed Health and/ or Prescribed Burn Association Coordinator to provide technical expertise for tree replanting, prescribed fire, or grant applications.
- Coordinate with the local Fire Safe Council or Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve about an FMP and put together a project budget.
- Contract with biology, cultural resources, or hydro consultant to complete NEPA/ CEQA surveys for a forest health project.
- Conduct a site visit with a private landowner who lost their forest to the Camp Fire or North Complex and get them enrolled in Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) reforestation

What We Need

We are looking for a Forester with a strong background in conservation planning to be a foundational member and support the BCRCO mission to protect, enhance and support Butte County natural resources. Candidates should have excellent verbal and writing skills and hold a BS or MS in Forestry or a related degree, along with thorough knowledge of the California Forest Practice Act regulations. Our organization relies on motivated and self-directed individuals who are willing to roll up their sleeves and tackle the big challenges facing our private and public lands in Butte County.

Benefits Include

Salary range \$65,000-70,000, vacation, paid holidays, health benefits package.

To Apply

If you are qualified and motivated, email your letter of interest and resume to: bcrco@carcd.org