

Specification for Class of

FOREST CRAFTS SPECIALIST

Abolished Effective July 1, 2007

Definition: Performs technical tree service work which includes controlled felling of large and hazardous trees, climbing, rigging, manlift operation, aerial work and directional topping, limbing or lowering of tree material.

Typical Work

Performs skilled journey-level tree service work in technical tree climbing, controlled topping, and directional falling of large trees and snags, ornamental tree pruning and debris removal (chipping or stump removal);

Operates manlift, log skidder, D-4 dozer, seven- and ten-yard dump trucks with equipment trailers, trucks, boom trucks, portable sawmill and fork lifts;

Uses brush chipper, spray equipment, stump grinder, power winch and rigging on horticulture project statewide;

Maintains records on project work and summarizes into reports;

Acts as lead worker on projects as assigned;

Trains field staff in tree pruning and operation of specialized equipment;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: methods, materials, tools and equipment used in technical tree service work; occupational hazards, special techniques and safety precautions applicable to tree climbing, topping, snag falling and heavy equipment operation, servicing and maintenance of equipment; mixing and application of pesticides.

Ability to: read, interpret, and work from plans, sketches, or verbal instructions; operate and maintain heavy equipment; use power saws; use tree climbing equipment and recognize tree defects constituting special hazards; maintain high standard of safety;

sustain long periods of heavy physical exertion under hazardous conditions.

Minimum Qualifications

Four years of journey-level experience using technical tree climbing skills.

AND

One year of experience in operation of motorized construction or logging equipment.

New class

Effective June 21, 1973

Revised September 7, 1973

Title change (formerly Forest Crafts Foreman)

Revised October 10, 1986

Revises definition, minimum qualifications and title change (formerly Forest Crafts Supervisor)