

Specification for Class of

NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST

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Definition: In a Division or Region of the Department of Natural Resources, serves as the designated expert who researches, analyzes, recommends and provides consultative services for a specialized portion of a natural resource program such as:

- 1) Serves as the designated region land management specialist responsible for lease administration and land management activities primarily involving non-forested lands.
- 2) Supervises and directs a professional staff in support of a region's timber sales program.
- 3) Within the Fire Control Division, serves as the department specialist responsible for (a) program development and management of the fire prevention program and the fire detection program; (b) develops and implements the department's fire control training program, initiates acquisition of fire equipment and fire equipment development.
- 4) Within the Land and Minerals Division, serves as the department specialist responsible for (a) review and correction of all agricultural leases submitted by the regions, acquisition of water rights for use on all DNR lands, and develop new methods and forms for lease construction and management by region staff; (b) statewide granting of rights of way by the department and statewide development and acquisition of rights of way all of which include negotiations with industry and governmental entities.
- 5) Within the Land and Water Conservation Division, serves as the department specialist responsible for management, including development of the shellfish and public tideland recreation program.
- 6) Within the Forest Regulation and Assistance Division, (a) serves as the Forest Practices staff forester responsible for providing technical advice on forest

practices, rules, policies and procedures to department staff, other agencies and the public. Assists program manager and Forest Practices Board with analysis and drafting rule language; (b) serves as Service Forestry staff forester responsible for responding to technical inquiries from other states, industry or the public. Assists the program manager with analysis and planing for improvement of the services forestry program.

- 7) Within the Forest Lands Management Division, serves as a staff specialist responsible for monitoring and evaluating the department's reforestation and intensive stand management programs. Development of program alternatives and implementation of program improvements by preparing guidelines and instructions for improved methods, techniques or equipment.
- 8) Within the Timber Sales Division, serves as a staff specialist responsible for, (a) conducting of formal and informal training providing technical assistance for the presales of timber. Proposes alternatives and develops methods to increase timber production or income to the state. Supervises the checking of department cruisers. Serves as the department expert on timber volumes and consultant on all presales matters; (b) develop and act as the department's technical advisor and authority for timber sales contract administration. Develops and manages the department's log scaling and felling and bucking program.
- 9) Serves as the designated region intensive management forester. Manages the region's Computerized Geographic Information System which produces data that aids field foresters in resource management. Provides silvicultural prescriptions and plantation maintenance assistance and training on new intensive management developments.
- 10) Within the Analysis and Planning Section, serves as the agency representative on special environmental education projects, the Smoke Management Working Committee and the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Bioconversion Task Force. Responds to questions generated or received by Executive Management regarding

the department's operations, programs and public issues and concerns.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's degree in forestry or area of specialty and three years' professional experience in a specialty area.

OR

Two years' experience as a Forester 2 or equivalent natural resource professional in Department of Natural Resources.

New class

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