

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY

The Division of Forestry mission is to promote and practice good forest stewardship on Indiana's public and private lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations. Regardless of the position sought, the skill most utilized in forestry and other natural resource areas is communication. Fine tuning one's reading, writing, speaking and listening are assets that must be developed for those involved in this interesting and rewarding field.

The Division is divided into eight main areas: **property management, tree seedling nursery operation, cooperative forest management, protection and forest health, utilization and marketing, urban and community forestry, education, and administration/operations.** The majority of the positions require a four-year college degree, generally in Forestry, or Natural Resources.

**Salaried Positions on State Forest Properties:** Two primary career options are Property Manager and District Forester, both of which require a four-year college degree in Forestry or a closely related natural resources field. A property manager is charged with the total management of state forest, while a district forester is responsible for providing technical assistance to private landowners in a multicounty district.

Most new employees begin as forestry technicians or are assigned to state forest as assistants to the property managers. These positions also generally require a four-year degree in Forestry.

Universities offering four-year forestry degrees in and around Indiana include, **Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Purdue University, Southern Illinois University, University of Kentucky, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Stevens Point.** One-to-two-year forestry technology training is also available at a number of colleges and universities, qualifying students for work as forestry aides or forestry technicians.



**Other Salaried Positions:** include specialist in wildfire control, nurseries, forest products processing and utilization, recreation management, forest insect and disease, urban forestry, accounting, education, computer/GIS, federal grant programs, and naturalist. A four-year degree is required for the majority of these positions.

**Non-Salaried Positions:** Non-salaried opportunities with the Division include hourly labor at various properties and clerical positions at the central office, various state forest and some district offices. For more information about these opportunities at a particular district or property, contact that office or property directly.

**Intermittent Positions:** Intermittent workers are employed on most state forest. For more information about these positions, that state forest directly.

Job vacancies for the Division of Forestry are announced through the Department of Natural Resources and State Personnel systems. A state application form, resume and college transcript (as applicable) are required to apply. To check on positions that may be open, go to: [www.in.gov/spd](http://www.in.gov/spd)

For more information on current job openings:

**Division of Forestry**  
**402 W. Washington St., Rm. W296**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46204**  
**(317) 232-4105**  
[www.dnr.IN.gov/forestry](http://www.dnr.IN.gov/forestry)

For more information on forestry opportunities in other parts of the U.S.:

**USDA-Forest Service**  
**1400 Independence Ave. S.W.**  
**Washington, DC 20250**  
**(202) 205-8333**  
[www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs](http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs)

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