

Position Announcement

- Position:** **Forest Inventory and Analysis and Forest Health Specialist**
Kansas Forest Service
Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources
Kansas State University
- Description:** Full-time, term appointment, position with the Kansas Forest Service, Kansas State University subject to availability of grant funds. Under the programmatic supervision of the Rural and Community Forestry Program Coordinators, Kansas Forest Service the incumbent will be responsible for the statewide forest inventory and analysis program and a forest health survey, monitoring and outreach program.
- Location:** The position is to be located with Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas.
- Responsibilities:** The incumbent will:
- Forest Inventory:**
1. Work cooperatively with the USDA Forest Service and Kansas Forest Service staff in planning and carrying out the forest inventory of the state and in the preparation of forest inventory reports.
 2. Represent Kansas Forest Service with the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station's (NRS) Forest Inventory and Analysis Program (FIA). Participate in the FIA Working Group and other training and/or informational sessions
 3. Complete all training required for certification to conduct field plots inventory.
 4. Complete all assigned field plots and ozone plots each federal fiscal year by gathering required plot data and editing the data prior to sending to NRS.
 5. Analyze inventory data and share findings through appropriate media venues.
- Forest Health:**
1. Conduct a statewide forest health program focusing on major insect and disease problems on forest lands, community forests and conservation tree plantings;

2. Implement forest health inventory field plot work across the state in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station;
3. Cooperate with university, state and federal forest insect and disease persons and programs within the state;
4. Provide assistance to district foresters in forest insect and disease diagnosis and control;
5. Represent the Kansas Forest Service at statewide, regional and national forest health meetings, conferences and workshops;
6. Educate agency and organizational personnel and the public on major forest pest problems in both rural and urban areas at meetings, workshops, and through the media, and
7. Conduct forest pest surveys and report results

**Minimum
Qualifications**

Degree in forestry from a Society of American Forester's accredited college or university (BS or MS) with course work and/or training in forest measurements and forest entomology/pathology preferred.

Degree(s) in closely related natural resource disciplines with experience in forest measurement or forest health (forest entomology/forest pathology) will also be considered. Incumbent must have the ability to conduct a full service forestry program under limited supervision. The ability to work effectively with others, both individually and in a team setting; organize work priorities and carry them out; and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must be able to perform physical work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions. Incumbent must have or the ability to obtain a valid Kansas drivers license upon employment.

Salary:

Commensurate with training and experience with a minimum of \$35,000 per annum.

How to Apply: **Qualified applicants must submit the following: (1) letter of application; (2) current resume; (3) academic transcripts; and (4) name, address and phone number of three professional references to:**

**Larry Biles,
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Kansas Forest Service
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lbiles@ksu.edu
<http://www.kansasforests.org>**

Screening of Applications: **Screening of Applications will begin on February 8, 2010 and continue until position is filled.**

Benefits: This is an unclassified position of Kansas State University. The Kansas State University benefit package includes a retirement plan, group health and life insurance plans, worker's compensation, vacation, sick leave and other benefits.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Kansas State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Kansas State University encourages diversity among its employees. Kansas State University is committed to a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of color, race, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, religion, age, or other non-merit reasons. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. A background check is required.

The Kansas Forest Service is organized under the Kansas Board of Regents at Kansas State University and has been part of the University System since 1909. The agency is administered by the State Forester who reports to the Department Head of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources within the College of Agriculture at Manhattan.

The Kansas Forest Service mission is "Care of Natural Resources and Service to People through Forestry". The agency achieves its mission by administering forestry programs statewide. Technical assistance relating to the stewardship of private forest lands, urban and community forests, conservation tree planting, forest health and wildland fire protection is provided.