

New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forests and Lands

## DIRECTOR/STATE FORESTER

Job location: Concord, New Hampshire

### JOB DUTIES:

Responsible for executing all matters pertaining to forestry, forest management, and forestlands within the jurisdiction of the state (RSA 227-G:3). Under the direction of the Commissioner of the department, supervises 50 fulltime employees and over 100 part-time and seasonal staff; prepares and administers division budget; prepares testimony and testifies in front of Legislature; represents state on multiple committees, boards and commissions; executes matters pertaining to the use of state reservations; directs forest management on over 220,000 acres of public lands and oversees an additional 260,000 acres of conservation easements; coordinates overall prevention and control of woodland fires; coordinates overall forest health monitoring, reporting, and protection; directs enforcement of state laws and rules for the protection of forests and lands under the jurisdiction of the department; monitors and protects rare, threatened and endangered plants; oversees several facilities, including three conference centers, 15 fire towers, a state forest nursery, and a water-powered up and down sawmill; implements the urban and community forestry program and the forest stewardship program in conjunction with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Preferred qualifications include a bachelor's degree or higher in a natural resource related field, as well as 10+ years of experience in forestry or natural resource management, preferably including administrative and supervisory duties and functions, or a combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills and abilities. Must be able to obtain and maintain a New Hampshire Professional Forester's License (RSA 310-A:100). Must have a valid driver's license.

### APPOINTMENT AND SALARY:

This is an unclassified appointed position that requires nomination by the Governor and approval by vote of the five-person Executive Council. Position serves a 4-year term (no term limit.) Salary is established on state statute (RSA 94:1-a) and has a range of \$77,609 to \$108,149. Negotiations to starting salary must be approved by the Governor and Executive Council. The State offers excellent health benefits an elective contribution to the retirement program.

Interested applicants should send an electronic copy of their current resume and letter of interest to [lisa.connell@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:lisa.connell@dncr.nh.gov). Deadline for submitting an application is 4:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2020. For questions, please call Lisa Connell, Commissioner's Assistant, at (603) 271-2412, or via email above.