STATE’S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education/experience requirements:
- The equivalent of a high school diploma.
- Three years’ experience as a forest ranger, law enforcement officer, or in a forestry related field.
- One year of experience in a leadership capacity.
- Must obtain a valid Arkansas CDL within 6 months of hire.

Knowledge of:
- Policies, procedures, & strategies to promote effective local, state, or national forestry operations for the protection of people & property.
- Supervisory practices & principles.
- Forest fire laws & fire prevention techniques and tactics.
- Fire prevention, fire suppression, & fire control.
- National Incident Management Systems.
- Relevant equipment, such as two-way radio, hand held data recorders, global position & geographic information systems, & digital cameras.
- Federal & state programs available to forest landowners, communities, & fire departments.

Ability to:
- Plan, organize, & oversee the work of others.
- Read and analyze information to form general rules or conclusions.
- Read & understand information and ideas.
• Communicate information and ideas orally and in writing.
• Apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers.
• Organize and manage emergency responses to wildfires & natural disasters.

Preferred Qualifications:
• Forestry Division Residency policy: Forest Rangers and Foresters must reside within the county of their work station/counties of responsibility, or reside within a distance that will allow for the employees to arrive at the work station and be in route to the emergency within a thirty minute time period.
• Pass an annual physical standard and job retention training.
• To oversee and assist with vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair.
• Required to meet emergency response time standards during fire season.
• Frequent countywide travel is required.
• Frequent exposure to wooded areas and the weather is required.
• Exposure to smoke, fire, and debris while performing fire suppression duties is required.