STATE’S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

**Education/experience requirements:**
- The equivalent of a bachelor’s degree in forestry from a university accredited by the Society of American Foresters or in a related field.
- Must be licensed as a Registered Forester by the State Board of Registration for Foresters in accordance with ACA 17-31-302 or able to obtain registration within one year of employment. Until successful completion of the test, the employee will be referred to as Forestry Trainee.
- Must possess a valid Arkansas CDL driver’s license or the ability to procure one within 6 months of hire.
- Must pass an annual physical standard as a condition of employment.

**Knowledge of:**
- Forest management practices and techniques.
- Fire prevention and fire suppression theories and methods.
- Laws and regulations affecting fire control and forest management.
- Supervisory practices and procedures.
- Federal and state forestry programs available for forest landowners, communities and fire departments.

**Ability to:**
- Plan and coordinate work activities and monitor performance of subordinates.
• Prepare and make public presentations and conduct forestry training.
• Collect data, analyze needs assessments, and prepare written forest management recommendations for private and public forest landowners.
• Operate computer programs such as Windows 365 and basic mapping and GPS skills.
• Proficient in written and oral communications.

Preferred Qualifications:
• Knowledge of technical efficiencies, e.g., GIS software, mobile data sharing, and drone operations.
• Knowledge of federal and state cost share programs available to forest landowners.
• Ability to collect data, analyze needs assessments, and prepare written forest management recommendations for private and public forest landowners.
• Frequent in-state travel and occasional out-of-state travel requiring overnight stays.
• Applicant must be able to walk several hours in remote, rough, swampy and/or mountainous terrain.