 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 in 90 days.
- 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:
- Ability to use Microsoft Office programs, i.e. Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Ability to use GIS to record spatial data and to produce maps.
- Knowledge of partner agencies, particularly water and conservation state and federal agencies.
- Effectively coordinate with local Arkansas Dept. of Agriculture employees.
- Comfortable with driving long distances to provide technical assistance within a designated area of Arkansas.
- Writing and photography ability to share accomplishments of forest conservation with marketing team and other audiences.
- Must report to an office location in close proximity to surface drinking water priority areas, which are generally available in north or central Arkansas.