



Position: **Forest Technician**

Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc.

Position Location: Parry Sound, ON

Length of position: Contract 1 year; with possible extension.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Closing Date: July 26 2018

This position is ideal for the forest technician who wants to practise their profession with a balance of both field and office duties as well being active in a position that includes both silviculture and operational responsibilities and support planning staff. The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic to work in the diverse Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Forest which includes partial harvesting and clearcut management. An individual with the desire to work for a community-based, not-for-profit Sustainable Forest Licensee that will enjoy the satisfaction of working as part of a small but dynamic and motivated forest management team.

The Forest Technician will report to the Operations Manager for Westwind Forest Stewardship (Westwind). Westwind is the Sustainable Forest License holder for the French-Severn Forest.

Job Description

This position will focus on the following:

1. Carry out stand inspections and/or collection of data to determine stand readiness and to draft silvicultural prescriptions in a timely manner (including tree marking direction) as well as recommending follow-up treatments.
2. Perform tree marking audits to determine if prescriptions are properly being followed and Tree Marking Quality is acceptable.
3. Contribute to the Silvicultural Effectiveness Program by collecting and compiling field data and provide summary recommendations.
4. Audit assigned harvest operations to 1) provide ongoing training, support and advice to forest operators, 2) communicate operational expectations to the harvesting company, 3) conduct compliance monitoring and make reports using FOIP, 4) liaise with MNR on compliance issues to prevent and mitigate impacts, 5) review operational checklist with the operators to ensure completeness and consistency.
5. Undertake formal logging damage surveys on operations each year to determine benchmark levels and to assess suspected logging damage compliance issues.

Necessary Skills and Qualifications:

The successful candidate will:

- Have demonstrated experience in tree marking; Level I and Level II Tree Marking Certificates are considered assets.
- Have demonstrated experience in forest compliance; Compliance inspector Certificate is considered an asset,
- Have demonstrated experience in a variety of computer programs as well as the proficient use of GPS;
- Possess a strong background in the principles and application of silviculture, preferably with experience in the Great Lakes- St. Lawrence Forest Region – white pine and tolerant hardwood management experience considered an asset;
- Have demonstrated experience in timber and regeneration – based data collection, management and analysis;
- Be well organized
- Have strong proven oral and written communication skills and work in a team environment;
- Possess a valid Class G Ontario's driver's license and to **provide a four-wheel drive truck or SUV to carry out fieldwork**. Vehicle mileage allowances are provided;
- Be physically capable of carrying out rigorous field work in a forest environment that includes working in inclement weather (including extremes of winter and summer)

Applications are to be submitted to

Steve Munro Operations Manager, Westwind Forest Stewardship Inc., 72 Church St., Parry Sound, ON. P2A 1Y9 or email to stevemunro@westwindforest.ca with “**Forest Technician Application**” in the subject line. Both a covering letter and resume should be submitted but their length should not exceed 5 pages. Questions can be emailed or phone directly (705) 746-1821

While Westwind thanks all individuals who apply, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Westwind is an equal opportunity employer.