

# FORESTRY

## CAREERS

The median annual wage for foresters was **\$70,660** in May 2024.

**100%** of Mississippi State students with a forestry degree **have a job after graduation.**

### FOREST MANAGEMENT

#### LAND FORESTER

**Description:** Manages forest land to comply with production regulations and protect the forest.

**Examples of Employers:**

USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, state forestry agencies

#### PRIVATE CONSULTING FORESTER

**Description:** Helps plan and implement management of non-industrial, privately owned forests to meet ownership objectives.

**Examples of Employers:** Develop your own company or work for a consulting company.

#### PROCUREMENT FORESTER

**Description:** Manages the process of finding and buying timber for a company.

**Examples of Employers:** Georgia Pacific, International Paper, Weyerhaeuser



### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

#### CONSERVATION FORESTER

**Description:** Manages forests with a focus on conservation and environmental protection

**Examples of Employers:** National Park Service, The Nature Conservancy

#### GRADUATE STUDENT

**Description:** Earn a master of science in forestry while conducting research and specializing in an area of interest.

**Note:** Many universities will provide a stipend and tuition waiver for graduate students who work on a thesis.

#### WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER

**Description:** Responds to and suppresses wildland fires; carries out prescribed burns.

**Examples of Employers:** state and federal agencies



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# FORESTRY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

## FOREST LAND AND FARM MANAGER

**Description:** Manages forest land and farm operations, habitat, safety, hunting, and guest experiences.

**Examples of Employers:** Tall Timbers Research Station, forest industry, non-industrial forest landowners, private consulting foresters

## PRIVATE CONSULTING FORESTER

**Description:** Helps landowners manage habitat to promote wildlife populations.

**Examples of Employers:** Develop your own company or work for a consulting company.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA BIOLOGIST

**Description:** Manages and maintains forest land for wildlife habitat, species biodiversity, etc.

**Examples of Employers:** state agencies, US Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service

# FOREST BUSINESS

## FOREST FINANCIAL ANALYST

**Description:** Conducts financial analysis to evaluate and support timber management decisions.

**Examples of Employers:** Manulife, Resource Management Service, USDA Forest Service

## MBA STUDENT

**Description:** Earn a master's in business administration before starting a personal business, becoming an industry analyst, etc.

**Note:** Most universities require 30 hours of coursework, which can typically be completed in under two years.

## LAND AND FARMS REALTOR

**Description:** Sells land and navigates complex transactions with easements, regulations, etc.

**Examples of Employers:** Mossy Oak Properties, Walley Properties, Whitetail Properties

# URBAN FORESTRY

## CERTIFIED ARBORIST

**Description:** Plants, cares for, treats, and removes trees while adhering to safety standards.

**Examples of Employers:** Bartlett Tree Experts, Fulgham's Inc.

## URBAN FORESTER

**Description:** Plans for and maintains trees to improve the urban environment and quality of life.

**Examples of Employers:** cities and metropolitan areas, state forestry commissions

## UTILITY FORESTER

**Description:** Safely inspects and manages hazardous trees located near utility lines.

**Examples of Employers:** The Davey Tree Expert Company, Mississippi Power

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