

American SamoaCommunity College Agriculture Community & Natural Resources Division IN-HOUSE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Forest Health Specialist

Employment Status: Full Time 12 months (Career Service)

General Description:

Assist with the coordination of the Forest Health Program by specializing in, and implementing, forest health assessments, monitoring, and management.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Coordinate Forest Health Program projects for the Forestry Program
- Prepare accomplishment reports, grant proposals, plans of work, progress reports and online reports for invasive species databases
- Maintain and update files for individual clients and groups, and management plans for FHP clients
- Assist the Forestry Manager with planning the Forestry Advisory Council and recording meeting minutes
- Conduct outreach presentations on invasive species, forest management, and restoration practices to schools, communities, churches, youth groups, agencies, landowners, and others
- Perform a variety of mostly outdoor assignments for the purpose of implementing forest management projects in landowners' forests and montane forests
- Occasionally drive a vehicle to often-changing forest jobsites; walk on forest slopes; and use applied-knowledge to complete the tasks in the field
- Performs tasks including: regeneration planning, invasive species removal, erosion control, debris removal, tree planting activities, forest inventory analysis, tree data collection, seed collection, surveying, and more
- Assist the GIS Specialist in compiling forest health maps and surveys for reporting
- Utilize transportation and equipment on both highways and on unpaved, narrow, winding, steep forest roads
- Be able to utilize and operate various forestry instruments, tools, field data recorders, and others to assist in inventory analysis, and to assist with the Forest Inventory Analysis Program
- Hike steep montane forested areas and carry equipment more than 20+lbs to conduct forest health management practices
- Clean and repair existing trails or construct new trails. Certain tasks, such as gathering data on disease and insect damage to trees as well as water and soil quality, are performed under the supervision of the Forestry Manager
- Perform duties including: eradication plans, predator control, invasive bush control, slash piling, herbicide application, and invasive species identification
- Work as a team with other Forestry staff and other Land Grant programs based on the mission and goals of the Division
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Extension Forestry Manager

Minimum Qualifications:

- High School diploma
- Two (2) to Five (5) years of experience
- Professional knowledge and skills in Natural Resources, Agriculture or related areas
- Certification and participation in Arborist Training, Pesticide Training

Preferred Qualifications:

- Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree
- Five (5) years of experience
- Professional knowledge and skills in Forest Health Management, Invasive Species Controls, etc.

Salary Range: GS 13/07-12: \$20,680.00 - \$24,580.00 per annum

Application Deadline: October 29, 2021 no later than 4:00pm

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office 699-9155 Ext. 456/466/460, http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html or by emailing asschumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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