



Lead Conservation Efforts Across the Colorado Plateau – Join Us as a Lead Project Forester!

The Colorado State Forest Service is partnering with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) to hire a Lead Project Forester dedicated to restoring and strengthening pinyon-juniper ecosystems across the Colorado Plateau. This position plays a crucial role in delivering vegetation treatments, advancing fuels and wildlife conservation work, and coordinating adaptive management across public and private lands. Be part of a high-impact, multi-agency collaboration shaping the future of these iconic landscapes. [Apply today!](#)

Location: Alamosa, Colorado

Salary: \$60,000 - \$65,000 (based on experience)

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead planning, coordination, and implementation of vegetation treatments and fuels mitigation projects.
- Provide technical forestry and wildlife expertise to support adaptive management strategies.
- Work closely with BLM, IWJV, CPW, NRCS, private landowners, and local partners to advance landscape-scale conservation.
- Serve as a work leader for assigned projects, with the ability to guide and oversee others as needed.
- Analyze ecological and project data to develop science-based recommendations.
- Monitor and manage project budgets, timelines, and reporting requirements.
- Build strong partnerships and facilitate communication among fuels specialists, biologists, researchers, and community stakeholders.
- Travel extensively across the Colorado Plateau and operate 4x4 vehicles, trailers, and OHVs in challenging terrain.

This Position Requires Expertise In:

- Forestry, wildlife biology/management, fire ecology, or related natural resource fields
- Wildfire mitigation, fuels management, vegetation ecology, and landscape-level conservation
- Project management and navigating complex operational constraints
- Data analysis, adaptive management principles, and operational planning
- Fieldwork in difficult conditions, including rough terrain and variable weather
- Collaboration across agencies, landowners, and conservation partners

Why Choose Colorado State Forest Service?

We not only value our forests; we also value our employees. Joining our team comes with incredible benefits:

- **Identity Wear Stipend:** Elevate your professional image with a stipend for personalized wear.
- **Work-Life Harmony:** Achieve optimal work-life integration through tailored and flexible scheduling options.
- **Connectivity Privilege:** Stay seamlessly connected with either a cell phone allowance or a provided work cell.

- **Premium Healthcare Benefits:** Prioritize your well-being with access to exclusive and comprehensive healthcare benefits.
- **Time-Off:** Recharge with 15 days of sick leave and 24 days of annual leave earned each year.
- **Retirement Plan:** Secure your financial future with a remarkable 12% employer contribution to your retirement plan.
- **Assistance Program:** Access premium well-being resources through our Employee Assistance Program.
- **Professional Development:** Enhance your skills through personalized professional training opportunities facilitated by CSU.
- **Educational Empowerment:** Receive 9 hours of education credits annually through CSU.
- **Tuition Privileges for Family:** Secure your family's future with 50% off tuition for children, partner, and spouse.
- **Community Leadership Initiative:** Give back to your community with paid administrative leave dedicated to volunteering.

How to Apply:

Ready to lead bold forestry work in Woodland Park and beyond? Apply today and help steward Colorado's forests for future generations: <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/169685>.

For full consideration, applications must be received no later than 11:59pm MT on **December 8, 2025**. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates.

CSU is an EO employer and conducts background checks on all final candidates.