



Nurturing Forests. Empowering Communities. Lead Forestry Projects in Colorado.

The Colorado State Forest Service is hiring two [Lead Project Foresters](#) to provide technical leadership and operational oversight for forestry programs and projects that support forest health, wildfire mitigation, and resilient landscapes across Colorado.

There are **two separate positions available**:

State Forest Gould, CO

👉 **Apply here:** https://csusystem.wd12.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/fortcollins_careers/job/Lead-Project-Forester_R2026106515

Durango, CO

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Please note: These are two separate positions with separate application links. If you are interested in being considered for **both locations, you must submit a separate application for each position.**

What You'll Do

- Lead the planning, prioritization, and implementation of forestry programs and projects, including forest stewardship, wildfire mitigation, Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), and other forest health initiatives.
- Supervise and mentor Foresters, Forestry Technicians, seasonal employees, and interns.
- Manage project budgets, grants, contracts, and agreements while ensuring compliance with agency requirements.
- Support field office operations, annual work planning, and interagency coordination; serve as Acting Supervisory Forester when assigned.
- Build and maintain partnerships with private landowners, local governments, Tribal Nations, state and federal agencies, and community organizations.
- Provide technical oversight of silvicultural prescriptions, vegetation management projects, and forestry operations.
- Coordinate with other CSFS field offices to ensure consistent program delivery and efficient resource sharing.

What We're Looking For

- Strong leadership, supervision, and team development skills.
- Experience managing complex forestry projects from planning through implementation.
- Demonstrated experience with budgeting, grants, contracts, and project management.
- Excellent communication, collaboration, and relationship-building skills.
- Commitment to safety, customer service, and science-based forest management.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or higher in Forestry, Wildlife Biology/Management, Fire Ecology, or a related natural resource field.
- Three (3) or more years of professional forestry experience in areas such as forest ecology, silviculture, forest management or planning, watershed protection, wildfire mitigation, or fuels reduction.

Salary: \$60,000–\$65,000, based on experience

Why Choose Colorado State Forest Service?

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

- **Identity Wear Stipend:** Elevate your professional image with a stipend for personalized executive 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.
- **Retirement Plan:** Secure your financial future with a remarkable 12% employer contribution to your retirement plan.
- **Employee 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:

If you're an experienced forestry professional looking to take the next step in your career while making a lasting impact on Colorado's forests and communities, we encourage you to apply!

Apply for the location that interests you:

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