**TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE**

***JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT***

**Staff Forester/Woodland Ecologist**

**Position Location:** Idalou, Texas

**Application Deadline:** April 29, 2022

**Overview & Job Duties:**

The Staff Forester / Woodland Ecologist, under general supervision, provides program leadership to multi-county Forest Health, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), and Land-Forest Stewardship initiatives by providing technical assistance and educational programs to promote and conserve the social, economic, and environmental benefits of trees, forests, woodlands, and other related natural resources.

Other duties will include: 1) Delivering a comprehensive, multi-faceted forest management program which incorporates both rural and urban/community forestry components to public and private stakeholders; 2) Creating windbreak installation and conservation tree planting plans, including mapping of field data; 3) Delivering the Texas Forest Stewardship Program to communities and private, non-industrial landowners in West Texas; 4) Providing direct support and assistance to local, regional, and statewide Incident Response efforts and Forest Resource Protection program delivery; and 5) Supporting the operations of West Texas Nursery, including tree seed collection, tree propagation, and seedling shipping and delivery.

**Education and Experience:** Bachelor of Science Degree or higher in Forestry, Biology, Range Management, Horticulture, Wildlife, or a closely related natural resources field. No previous experience required. Must obtain TDA non-commercial Pesticide Applicators License within 180 days of employment. ISA Certified Arborist and NWCG Firefighter Type 2 qualifications preferred.

**Knowledge. Skills and Abilities:**

 **Required**

* Knowledge of basic MS applications
* Excellent written and oral communication skills
* Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision

 **Preferred**

* Strong interpersonal skills with networking abilities
* Working knowledge of ArcGIS and digital orthoimagery applications
* Seedling propagation and production knowledge

**Starting Salary:** $42,000/year + Health Benefits and Retirement Package

**Start Date:** June 7, 2021

**To Apply:** Complete online application at <https://tinyurl.com/Job-Idalou>

Only online applications will be accepted. Resume, cover letter, references, and transcript are REQUIRED to be uploaded to the application website.

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