

FOREST SERVICE OFFICER

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, enforces Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations as they pertain to the utilization and commercialization of Navajo Nation forest and woodland products including wildlife management; performs other work as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

TASKS:

Conducts all scheduled and non-scheduled patrols to detect, correct and or deter violations of forest and wildlife laws and regulations; responds and conducts investigations of complaints, violations and inquiries; obtains evidence, testimony, statements, and affidavits; preserves evidence for possible subsequent court use; issues warnings or citations for violations; responds to individuals or communities requesting for aid.

Determines the extent and significance of potential environmental or human damage to forests; assists in fire suppression activities; conducts training programs; maintains a forest fire danger weather station; assists in fire prevention program performing pre-burn and post-burn vegetation and fuel inventory; engages in search and rescue missions; acts as liaison with community organization and schools providing information on the Nations forestry operation and/or industry.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

- Knowledge of laws and regulations applicable to the Nation's forest and woodland resources
- Knowledge of applicable investigative techniques.
- Knowledge of judicial process and procedures.
- Knowledge of use of assigned firearm.
- Knowledge of forest fire prevention and suppression methods.
- Skill in applying forest management practices and procedures as it relates to fire management control.
- Skill in verbal and written communication.
- Skill in the use of sound judgment in emergency situations.
- Skill in dealing tactfully with the general public while enforcing rules and regulations.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work is performed both indoors and outdoors with exposure to a variety of adverse weather conditions. Manual dexterity in the operation of tools and the ability to lift objects weighing up to 100 lbs. is required. Work may at times be strenuous, requiring continuous physical effort for long periods.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A high school diploma or GED, and three (3) years of increasingly responsible experience in forest management and enforcement.

The candidate may be trained in law enforcement and must be capable of successfully completing the Navajo Nation Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.