

Regional Planning Forester, RPF

Do you have expertise in forest management with proven planning skills? Are you skilled at developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders and teams? If so, consider taking on this exciting opportunity as a Regional Planning Forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

What can I expect to do in this role?

In this role, you will:

- provide forest management planning leadership to planning team members and represent the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) on all forest management planning teams and Independent Forest Audit requirements
- provide forest management planning expertise and input in the preparation, review and approval of forest management plans (FMP)
- provide expert advice to regional program areas and districts
- prepare FMP review documents, public notices, Environmental Bill of Rights postings and summaries of public consultations
- act as lead contact with regional and provincial level interest groups who engage in the local FMP process
- coordinate and monitor public, LCC, aboriginal and stakeholder consultation efforts
- produce communications and make presentations

Location: Thunder Bay

How do I qualify?

Mandatory requirement:

- You must possess a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) designation from the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.

Technical expertise:

- You have knowledge of the theories, principles, methodologies and practices of forest resource management and knowledge of forest management planning requirements and practices.
- You possess knowledge of Ontario forest legislation, regulations and policies as well as knowledge of legal obligations related to forest management and Aboriginal aspects.

Relationship management skills:

- You can develop and maintain effective relationships with a variety of stakeholders, including regional and provincial interest groups, provincial forest management specialists, planning teams and staff.
- You have group leadership skills to support and provide guidance to forest management planning teams.

Project management and organizational skills:

- You have solid project management skills to lead and direct planning teams and manage multiple and varied projects.
- You can coordinate forest management plans and reviews as well as coordinate plan approvals.

Analytical, reasoning and problem-solving skills:

- You have analytical skills to prepare, review and conduct assessments of forest management plans.
- Using your reasoning and problem-solving skills you are able to respond to stakeholder issues and provide recommendations to resolve complex issues.

Communication skills:

- You have well developed communication skills to provide advice, guidance and recommendations to senior management.
- You can effectively communicate ministry direction regarding FMP and can work with planning teams

to gain consensus on forest management planning issues.

- You can prepare submissions, briefing material, plan review documents and corporate correspondence.
- You have experience making presentations to a variety of groups.

Salary Range: \$1,298.14 - \$1,637.44 per week, plus salary allowance of \$250.00/year, prorated

Additional information:

- 1 Permanent, 435 James St S, Thunder Bay, North Region

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