

FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND

Forest Planners

Job reference: REQ0554

Location: Multiple (See JD)

Salary: £30,427 - £32,615

Contractual hours: 37

Basis: Full time



Job description

Would you like to help shape the future of Scotland's forests and land? If you are practical, creative and enjoy working with others; have a clear enthusiasm for sustainable management of the land; are keen to analyse and explore land management options; and are interested in a job that gets you out and about in the forest...then this may be the job for you!

We are seeking two Forest Planners for our West Region, to prepare our long-term land management plans. The plans set out how we will manage sustainable forests to secure timber supply, respond to climate change, restore peatlands and Scottish Rainforest, protect and manage other native woodland on key sites, and enhance the setting of recreation sites.

If you would like to live and work on the fabulous West coast of Scotland, between the mountains and the sea, are enthusiastic about collaborative working and have some experience of spatial planning or the management of land or forests, then see the full job description.

About the team

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is looking for enthusiastic, practical, creative forest planners to join our West Region planning and environment team. This role to help shape the future of Scotland's forests and land.

In West Region we manage extensive forests to produce timber, but we also restore peatlands, manage and re-establish Scotland's Atlantic Rain Forests and other ancient woodland habitats, and care for open habitats and a variety of recreation sites.

The planning and environment teams work closely with other teams and specialists to design sustainable forests of the future, protect and restore semi-natural habitats, respond to climate change and enhance our landscapes. The teams prepare spatial plans, develop work programmes and coordinate and manage data and surveys, as well as contribute to national initiatives and projects to ensure the public land is well cared for.

In West Region, we live and work in spectacular places – from the island of Mull and dramatic coastal landscapes of Kintyre peninsula, to the foot of Ben Nevis and steep sided glens along some of our most iconic sea lochs. See more about what Lochgilphead, Oban and Fort William have to offer at where we live and work.

Main Duties

- Prepare Land Management Plans (LMPs). This involves getting to know the forest and land then analysing the implications of forestry, environmental, financial and social impacts and opportunities to inform proposals for future management. Plans are required to meet the UK Forestry Standard and the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.
- Undertake site visits and collaborate with relevant colleagues to identify forest management requirements, creatively address wider land management problems and explore options for sustainable land management.
- Build and maintain excellent working relationships with external stakeholders such as community groups and statutory consultees.
- When necessary, prepare screening information for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs); make amendments to existing plans; and support the planning team as necessary, for example by coordinating work on pests and diseases, coordinating survey work or supporting data analysis.
- As a member of the planning team, you may also be expected to manage staff, such as GIS and survey technicians.

Candidates should be Chartered or working towards Chartered status.

Application closing date: 17 April 2023.

To apply on our website, please use the link below:

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