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Job description - Forest work supervisor - woodland creation (PB6A)

Job summary

Your focus will be on ensuring the successful establishment of the new woodland sites. This will involve overseeing the on-the-ground operations of the new sites as work begins. You will be responsible for managing and coordinating contractors to complete works to a high health & safety and quality standard, ensuring targets are met within a given time frame. You should be able to work closely with a team to solve problems and manage challenges that may arise throughout the process. In addition you will monitor success rates, tree protection and advise when interventions may be needed.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- supervise the planting and establishment phase of new woodland creation to deliver outputs and results
- monitor and supervise contractors to ensure compliance with contract specifications, ensuring health and safety requirements are met
- assist in the planning of work programmes with the District Forester
- effectively supervise, motivate and support colleagues and contractors ensuring a high quality of work, effective communication and team working
- you may be expected to assist with other tasks in the forest district although woodland creation tasks will be prioritized

And any other task reasonably requested by your line manager.

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- relevant experience of forestry or land management
- experience of effective team working
- experience of contract supervision
- experience working to meet tight deadlines
- sound understanding of health and safety in forest operations
- competent IT user with experience in MS Office suite of applications and GIS

Desirable professional and technical experience

- experience in new woodland establishment operations
- hold a recognised Forestry qualification
- good understanding of UKFS and UKWAS requirements

Qualifications

Desirable

- professional membership of the Institute of Chartered Foresters or another relevant professional body is desirable

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