

Job description - Forester (PB5)

Job summary

As Forester for woodland creation, you will be a part of the South district team, working closely with the national woodland creation team to deliver Forestry England's ambitions for expanding woodland in England. You will help develop high quality plans and coordinate delivery of forest operations on our new woodland creation sites in Hampshire and Kent. Currently, there are 2 new woodland creation sites amounting to 234.31 hectares. There may be a future requirement to support other woodland creation projects which may involve travel and overnight stays across England.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

- as a core member of the project team, actively work with colleagues to develop high quality woodland creation plans that comply with UKFS and UKWAS
- plan and implement a range of forest operations on new woodland creation sites following procurement guidelines
- report on progress and highlight risks to delivery to the national Woodland Creation Team, proactively identifying solutions.
- monitor and supervise contractors to ensure compliance with contract specifications and industry best practice, ensuring health and safety requirements are met.
- manage and monitor project budgets against the agreed bottom line, ensuring compliance with financial guidelines and always seeking value for money
- build strong working relationships with stakeholders to achieve buy-in
- support with the delivery of public and stakeholder consultations.
- ensure operations and activities are monitored and lessons

And any other tasks, reasonably requested by your line manager.

Location-specific information
Hampshire and Kent
Skills, knowledge & experience
Essential professional and technical experience • proficient in Microsoft Office and GIS software • experience of contract supervision • experience working to meet tight deadlines. • good understanding of health and safety in forest operations. • experience of developing and managing successful relationships with stakeholders Desirable professional and technical experience • good understanding of UKFS requirements • experience of designing and establishing new woodland
Qualifications
Essential • a relevant degree or HND in Forestry or other relevant discipline and/or significant forestry or land management experience