

Job Description - Works Supervisor - Harvesting (PB6a)

Job summary

The postholder will support the Harvesting Forester (Standing Sales) in planning and implementing Standing Sales in line with the District Market Plan:

- Preparation of Standing Sales using in house and contractor resources.
- Supervision of beat staff and contractors during operations.
- Support in setting and maintaining operational and safety standards.
- Ensure marking is in line with the silvicultural prescriptions set out in the OSA.
- Ensuring ecological and archaeological constraints are clearly identified and marked on site.
- Be available to support the wider district with contract management of harvesting and tree safety operations.

You will supervise small teams of dedicated craftspeople as well as a range of specialist contractors, and you will ensure that work meets contract specifications, safety standards, timescales and delivers value for money.

You can expect to spend around two thirds of your time outdoors and will usually be expected to manage your own time to maximise efficiency and effectiveness.

Key responsibilities & accountabilities

Operational Responsibility:

Plan, deliver and supervise work programmes for contractors and staff that contribute to the delivery of standing sales parcels.

As required, gather operational data accurately and efficiently and maintain appropriate up to date records to the standard required. Such work includes:

- Keeping contract records of Measuring timber ready for sale
- Undertaking mapping work using mobile technology, particularly through the use of Field Maps within Forester Web

Stakeholder Engagement, Representation and Communications:

- Through effective liaison with other staff and stakeholders, plan, implement and deliver efficient work programmes that satisfy the aims of Forestry England.
- Engage proactively and respond constructively to existing and prospective customers and present the highest standards of professionalism when representing Forestry England.
- Collaborate with internal and external partners to ensure our work delivers for people, nature and the rural economy.

Health and Safety:

- Ensure that all work programmes undertaken meet Forestry England and regulatory standards of health and safety, operational efficiency and quality of output.
- Support the Harvesting Forester (Standing Sales) through regular supervision of contractors through checking and recording standards of Health and Safety.

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

Skills, knowledge & experience

Essential professional and technical experience

- Relevant experience in forestry or land management.
- Competence with a wide range of IT applications including Microsoft Office Suite.
- Competence with GIS applications.

Desirable professional and technical experience

- Good understanding of and experience in the application of Health & Safety in forest operations.
- A sound understanding of and experience in the application of contract management.
- A sound understanding of silviculture practice and its application.
- A sound understanding of measuring timber in accordance with “Forest Mensuration: A handbook for Practitioners” commonly known as the blue book.

Qualifications

Essential

- Uk Driving licence

Desirable

- Hold a recognised Forestry qualification to at least National Diploma level.

