

Specification for Class of

FOREST CRAFTS TECHNICIAN

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Definition: Performs skilled forest crafts work or operates equipment in the construction or maintenance of forest facilities, trails and roads, and in forest management or forest protection activities.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Positions allocated to this classification are limited to those with a mixture of the following craft skills, representing the major task: saw operator falling large trees and snags (over 24" DBH); equipment operation similar to that described in the Equipment Operator II specifications; semi-skilled carpentry, masonry, painting, metal-craft or other craft work in the construction or maintenance of flumes, bridges, roads, trails and other forest structures.

Typical Work

Operates a power saw falling large trees (over 24" DBH) and snags;

Operates equipment including heavy trucks (10-yard dump and equipment transport), motor grader, back-hoe, bulldozer (D-6 or smaller), loader and related equipment;

Builds and repairs forest roads, bridges, facilities and structures, operating and using chain saw, carpentry, masonry, painting and metal-craft hand tools and related equipment;

Supervises a fire suppression, planting, thinning, intensive management, road, trail or facility construction and maintenance labor crew; supervises the mixing and application of sensitive herbicides and pesticides;

Conducts training;

Fights forest fire;

Lubricates and maintains equipment; sharpens and repairs tools;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: standards, practices, methods, materials, tools and equipment used in forest management practices, road and facility construction and maintenance, carpentry, masonry, painting and metal-craft; supervisory techniques.

Ability to: operate heavy equipment efficiently and effectively; fall large trees and snags; use hand and power tools with reasonable degree of skill; work safely; effectively communicate, train and supervise.

Minimum Qualifications

One year of experience as a Forest Worker I, Forest Worker II, timber faller or forestry equipment operator.

New class

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Title change (formerly Forest Craftsman)