

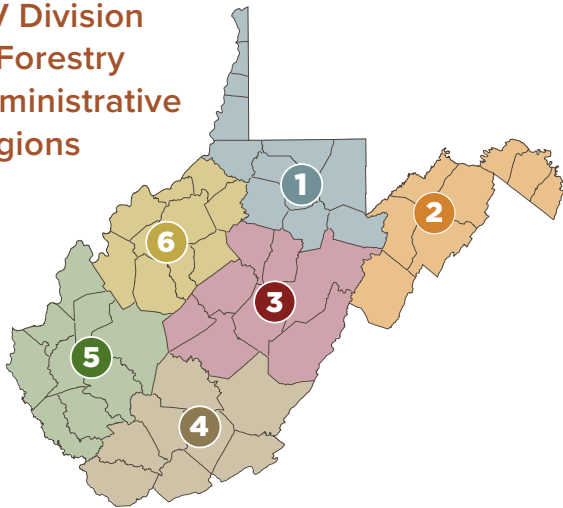
WHO WE ARE: THE WV DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Mission Statement

The West Virginia Division of Forestry is committed to protecting, nurturing, sustaining, and promoting the wise utilization of our state's forest resources.

Established in 1909, as a declaration of the state government for the need of forest protection and research, the West Virginia Division of Forestry protects and conserves the state's forest resources.

WV Division of Forestry Administrative Regions



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Becoming a Forester



THE WORK: DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES, WORKING OUTSIDE

Work with a skilled team of foresters in the fields of fire suppression, logging inspections, landowner assistance, state lands, and more. Various training opportunities for professional advancement. Including:

- National Wildland Coordination Group (NWCG) certification
- Federal Aviation Administration small Unmanned Aircraft System pilot training
- Forest Stewardship trainings
- Project Learning Tree facilitator training
- First Aid and CPR
- Special Natural Resource Police Officer training
- Flexible working hours and alternate work schedule



A DAY IN THE LIFE

Forest Fire: Responsible for the prevention and suppression of wildland fires. Directly fight fire using a variety of techniques and resources.

Logging Compliance: Responsible for working with loggers, inspect log jobs for Best Management Practice compliance and assist with educating and advising loggers.

Landowner Assistance: Assist private landowners with forest management, marking and sale of timber. Help landowners access federal cost share funds for management planning and timber stand improvement.

State Lands: Manage and protect West Virginia's State Forests using silviculture.

Urban and Community Forests: Assist local communities and municipalities to manage their urban forests.

QUALIFICATIONS & STATE BENEFITS

Qualifications

- Associate degree in a Forest Technology program recognized by the Society of American Foresters OR a Bachelor's degree in a forestry program accredited by the Society of American Foresters.
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a Background Check
- Must have a current license as a registered professional forester or a registered forestry technician or in the process of obtaining professional licensure.

Benefits

- Insurance (health, dental, vision & life)
- Pension retirement plan
- State issued cell phone and computer and equipment
- Uniform provided and allowances
- Paid state holidays, generous annual and sick leave
- A State vehicle provided for job use

For more information on benefits visit:
[personnel.wv.gov/employees/benefits/
Pages/default.aspx](https://personnel.wv.gov/employees/benefits/Pages/default.aspx)