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Pest Management Biologist

FO3 Forester 3

Regular/full-time

Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures Forestry and Peatlands, Natural Resource Stewardship

Winnipeg MB

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Salary(s): FO3 \$78,804.00 - \$101,990.00 per year

Closing Date: March 9, 2025

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Introduction

Forestry and Peatlands Branch is seeking and individual to perform the duties of the Pest Management Biologist to act as the provincial specialist in forest health and insect and disease management responsible for the provincial Forest Health Program. The incumbent will develop management strategies designed to reduce losses from native and invasive forest pests, such as spruce budworm, jack pine budworm, and emerald ash borer, in cooperation with regional forestry offices, forest industry, and Forestry and Peatlands Branch staff. A critical part of the work is the establishment and maintenance of collaborative relationships with a variety of internal and external stakeholders including other branches, other levels of government, academia, non-government organizations and industry.

Conditions of Employment:

- Must be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Must be able to perform the work in the field in both winter and summer. Must be physically capable of performing the required duties of the position such as prolonged sitting, medium lifting (carrying up to 20 kg), walking (on possible uneven surfaces) and wearing Personal Protective Equipment in both outdoor and indoor conditions.
- Must be able to work in a laboratory setting, while being required to wear all applicable laboratory PPE.
- Must be willing and able to travel to remote locations via trucks, all terrain vehicles, boats or rotary or fixed wing aircraft and
 occasionally work overtime and stay overnight in bunkhouses and hotels.
- Must possess and maintain a valid class 5F Manitoba driver's licence without restrictions.

Qualifications:

Essential:

- Bachelor's Degree/Master's Degree in Forestry, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Natural Resource Management, or other related discipline. A combination of other relevant education and experience may be considered.
- Project management experience and the ability to lead multi-stakeholder groups to achieve project objectives within predetermined deadlines.
- Knowledge of forest health and forest health management.
- Knowledge and ability to implement and manage forest health projects and programs with emphasis on planning and
 organizing program objectives, structure, and outcomes.
- Strong interpersonal skills with experience problem-solving, collaborating, and building consensus with internal and external stakeholders.
- Strong written communication skills with experience preparing Treasury Board submissions, briefing materials and other original finished materials used by senior staff.
- Excellent verbal communication skills with the ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public, co-workers and various stakeholders including public speaking.

Duties:

The Pest Management Biologist is responsible for the following:

- Responsible for the full scope of provincial forest health programs, including research methodologies, program design, data collection techniques, data interpretation and analysis, program evaluation, and provides recommendations to internal and external stakeholders.
- Provides advice, guidance, training, and direction to internal staff, forest industry staff, and project team members in the implementation of forest health projects and programs.
- Establish collaborative relationships with a variety of internal and external stakeholders.
- Develop management strategies designed to reduce losses from forest pests in cooperation with regional forestry offices, forest industry, and the Forestry and Peatlands Branch.
- Prepare technical reports, scientific papers and give presentations and lectures on forest health at professional meetings and workshops, to private organizations, for educational programs and for training seminars of department and forest industry staff.
- Lead in the appropriate management of budgeted operating funds for forest health programs including input into annual allocations, quarterly cash flow estimates, variance explanations, and program purchasing.

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