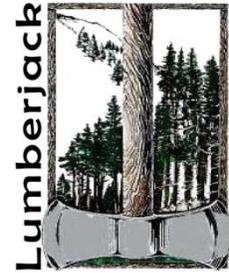


# Lumberjack RC&D Permanent Position Announcement



## Position Title: Inventory Forester

Position Location: This position will be located in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The successful applicant will be required to live in the Rhinelander area.

Closing Date for Applications: Continuous until filled.

Start Date: Immediate, with flexibility based on the successful applicant's availability.

### Background:

Lumberjack has an established history of doing inventory work in Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and has an excellent record of working collaboratively on these inventories with the United States Forest Service. The two main inventories Lumberjack works on are Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) and the Wisconsin State Forest Continuous Forest Inventory (WisCFI).

Although the vast majority of work Lumberjack does is forestland inventory in Wisconsin, a current subset of the annual inventory plots is in urban settings. Other past field projects undertaken include Michigan FIA, Ozone Damage surveys in Wisconsin and Illinois and other pilot inventories.

The current inventory staff consists of five permanent field foresters with a combined total of nearly 50 years of inventory experience with Lumberjack. This level of experience and dedication to quality data collection has helped Lumberjack win three consecutive 5-year contracts with the WDNR.

Because we expect to be able to bid very competitively on future contracts, this is considered a career position with Lumberjack.

### Job Description:

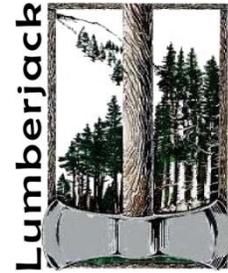
The inventory program is primarily involved in the establishment and measurement of permanent forest inventory plots, though it is not strictly limited to this. At times other work that may or may not be related to inventory is made available and would be considered part of the job.

In general the job is 98% outside work and applicants should be prepared to work in all types of weather, year round. Swamps, biting flies, mosquitoes, ticks, rain, deep snow and cold are to be expected. Working on urban inventory plots will entail working in both suburban as well as inner city environments.

This job is physically demanding and requires on a daily basis long hikes through sometimes very difficult terrain and conditions. Candidates cannot have any physical limitations. In addition to physical demands, candidates must be comfortable working alone in often times remote, difficult to access areas.

There is substantial travel associated with this position and the successful candidate should expect to be away from home (Mon-Fri) for half or more of the year. Additional travel is required during the training period of March through August 2017.

Specific Duties: Using aerial photos locate selected locations on the ground. Determine ownership and obtain access permission for all privately owned properties. Locate the plot by transferring photo measurements to the field. Run compass lines and measure distances. On the plot, take tree diameters, heights and crown measurements; assess disease and damage agents; grade logs (standing); classify forest types, assess land use, determine tree ages and site indexes, measure slope, aspect and more. All data items are to be taken by strictly following established guidelines.



Other non-tree related items measured and/or evaluated include down woody material, soils and herbaceous vegetation (habitat typing). Document completed work and file data according to established procedures.

Because these are long-term, permanent research plots attention to detail is an absolute must.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A. A two year natural resources related degree or equivalent experience\* (see below for details).
- B. The ability to identify Wisconsin tree species both leaf-on and leaf-off.
- C. The desire to work outdoors in Wisconsin, year round.

Knowledge of herbaceous plants and prior work experience in forest inventory a plus.

Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

A valid driver's license and proof of insurance is required.

\* Because of the highly specialized nature of permanent inventory projects in Wisconsin, candidates who do not possess a natural resource degree will be considered *provided* they can clearly demonstrate the ability to identify Wisconsin's tree species and can show through prior work experience that they are comfortable working outdoors, year round in Wisconsin.

Compensation:

Positions are full-time permanent subject to availability of funds. Starting salary is \$15.79/hour (GS-5, Step 1) plus benefits. Advancement to \$19.56/hour after two years of successful work performance possible. Higher starting salary is possible with previous qualified FIA/CFI work experience. Hotel and per diem are paid while on travel status.

Work vehicle and equipment is provided.

Questions and How to Apply:

Contact Paul Mueller directly with questions about the position or application process.

To apply send a letter of interest (hand written) along with a resume and 3 references (typed) to:

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**Note:** Only \*.pdf files will be accepted by e-mail. Incomplete or improperly submitted applications will not be considered.