Job Announcement – Stewardship Operations Forester

Overview
Lomakatsi Restoration Project, a non-profit organization based in Ashland, Oregon, seeks a qualified forestry professional with demonstrated experience in commercial timber harvest operations management to join our growing team for full-time employment. This position will have the opportunity to work across the diverse ecosystems of Oregon and Northern California, in partnership with Tribes, federal, state and municipal agencies, and other nongovernmental organizations to help design and implement large-scale stewardship initiatives. The Stewardship Operations Forester will assist in the management of ecological forestry operations—many of which include commercial thinning and the utilization of timber as a by-product of forest restoration and fuel hazard mitigation.

Applicants should be skilled and experienced in preforming a variety of essential forestry tasks including timber cruising; timber harvest inspections and reporting; layout and marking of restoration-focused commercial thinning projects; collecting and managing forest inventory data; using GIS to prepare maps; and writing and interpreting ecologically-focused silvicultural plans. Applicants should also be experienced in overseeing regulatory and NEPA compliance, and commercial restoration-based timber harvest sub-contractor accountability.

A majority of this position’s work will be done in the field, working independently or with other foresters, technical forestry personnel and specialists. The remaining office time will be dedicated to producing maps, plans and reports. The position is based out of Ashland, Oregon, with travel (sometimes overnight) required as needed to Lomakatsi’s project sites across Oregon and Northern California.

Qualifications, Experience and Skills
• BS degree in Forestry and/or demonstrated equivalent experience
• 3-5 years of field work experience in applied forestry (restoration-based preferred)
• Experience with cruising, cruise design and using cruising software
• Practical knowledge of forestry operations and logging systems
• Competency in the use of technical forestry equipment: GPS/GIS, navigation, data gathering/processing, Relaskop, compass, increment borer, densiometer, and clinometer
• Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and work performed in a network environment
• Experience with Esri ArcGIS and ability to produce maps
• Ability to work independently and as a member of a team
• Possession of a valid driver’s license
• Physically fit to orient, navigate and hike in rough terrain using map, compass and GPS
• Ability to identify native trees and shrubs
• Flexibility to work variable hours and travel

Benefits Package
Lomakatsi strives to provide competitive salaries and benefits within the nonprofit community.

• Salary is commensurate with experience, ranging from $55,000 to $65,000 per year
• Paid medical, and dental plan
• Paid vacation
• 401K retirement plan

To Apply
Please provide:

• Cover Letter and Resume
• Work samples or certificates that demonstrate practical experience in the field
• Three current professional references

Send to jobs@lomakatsi.org with subject “Stewardship Operations Forester” No phone calls please. Due to the high number of applicants, only considered applicants will be contacted for an interview opportunity. Position open until filled, with applications reviewed on a rolling basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply ASAP.

About Us
Lomakatsi is a non-profit organization that develops and implements forest and watershed restoration initiatives, programs and projects throughout Oregon and Northern California. Our mission is to restore ecosystems and the sustainability of communities, cultures, and economies.

For over 26 years, Lomakatsi has implemented ecosystem restoration projects across thousands of acres of forests and miles of streams. We work closely with federal, tribal, state, municipal and non-profit partners, building innovative, collaborative stewardship initiatives across all-lands. Lomakatsi is currently managing eight landscape-scale terrestrial and aquatic restoration agreements with projects in various stages of development, working across multiple states and watersheds. Our holistic, ecologically-based restoration work enhances wildlife habitat, helps safeguard ecosystem services, and reduces the risk of wildfire to communities. We serve as a lead partner and sponsor on several nationally-recognized projects and initiatives.

Lomakatsi also brings added capacity to address socio-economic challenges for rural forest- and rangeland-based communities, by layering in our education, tribal partnerships, and workforce training and development programs into initiatives and projects. Through the operation of 10 programs, our staff of restoration practitioners, foresters, ecologists, cultural resource specialists, workforce trainers, and educators work to increase community understanding and involvement in forest and watershed restoration. Learn more at https://lomakatsi.org/.