

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
Extension Forestry Field Specialist
Position Announcement and Description

Quick Links to Apply:

Strafford/Belknap county position # PS1404FY20: <http://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/33569>

Hillsborough county position #PS1377FY20: <https://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/33473>

Locations: UNH Cooperative Extension Offices-Hillsborough County in Goffstown NH; Strafford County in Dover, NH.

UNH Cooperative Extension is filling two forest resources field specialist positions—one in Hillsborough County and the other in Strafford County, NH that will also cover Belknap County, NH. Forest resources field specialists conduct county-based programming and state-wide programming as described in this position announcement. Applicants may apply for one or both of these positions.

The field specialist, individually and in cooperation with co-workers (state specialists, program managers, and faculty), natural resources organizations and agencies, and the county advisory council provides extension forest resources education and assistance to landowners, citizens, natural resource professionals, forest industry, community groups, volunteer organizations, town government, county government, state agencies and natural resource organizations. The field specialist implements programming using the principles outlined in the 2016-2021 Cooperative Extension Strategic Plan (<https://extension.unh.edu/resource/unh-extension-strategic-plan-2016-2021>) The forestry field specialist develops, implements, monitors, evaluates and reports on the following:

County-Based Programming:

1. Woodlot visits with landowners, providing technical and educational advice regarding all components of forest stewardship, including timber products, wildlife habitat, best management practices for water resource protection, invasive species, recreation, protection of threatened and endangered species and other needs based upon the landowner's objectives.
2. Educational programs and technical assistance for county residents, businesses and communities on forest management, wildlife, forest stewardship planning, urban and community forestry, Christmas tree management, maple syrup production, tree insects and diseases, shade tree care, estate planning, current use and timber tax, federal income tax, forest products marketing, selling timber, cost-share programs, water resources, wetlands, land protection, forest protection, forest laws, and access to resources related to the economic viability of forests, forest-related businesses and communities.
3. Managing the county-owned lands with guidance and approval of county commissioners through timber sales, stewardship plans, marketing information and assistance, cost-sharing and other revenue-generating opportunities.
4. Public awareness promotion of the benefits and uses of local forests for products, wildlife habitat, water resources, erosion control, tourism and quality of life, with individuals and groups through mass media, social-networking, computer technology, and demonstration areas on county and other public and private lands.
5. Supporting programs for youth in forestry, wildlife and related areas (e.g., through schools, 4-H, Project Learning Tree, scouts and other outlets).
6. Recruiting, supporting and using natural resource volunteers (e.g., NH Coverts Cooperators, NH Natural Resources Stewards and NH Tree Farmers).
7. Marketing UNH Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Marketing & Communications team and co-workers.
8. Engaging the County Extension Advisory Council members in aspects of the Natural Resources Team programs by keeping council members well-informed and seeking guidance from the council regarding meeting the needs of people in the county.

9. Other responsibilities to meet the needs of clientele, County Extension Advisory Council(s), funders and key partners such as the NH Division of Forests and Lands, NH Fish and Game Department, US Forest Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
10. Serve as the UNH Cooperative Extension County Office Administrator, if and when the need is identified. Serve on other internal extension committees as requested.
11. When appropriate, and in keeping with the mission, seek external funding and/or cost-recovery to sustain and enhance programs.

State-Wide Programming—Hillsborough County

In conjunction with the Extension Forestry Specialist, and other state and county specialists, conduct statewide programming on non-native invasive and native nuisance plants including management and control and their effects on forest health, natural communities, wildlife habitat, and forest regeneration.

Statewide Programming—Strafford/Belknap Counties

In conjunction with the Extension Forestry Specialist, and other state and county specialists, develop programming on small woodlot management including using partnerships and new technologies to develop resources and deliver education for the under 10-acre woodlot owner on topics specific to their interests and needs such as programming on non-timber forest products, marketing forest products from small woodlots, and managing the small woodlot for wildlife.

Minimum Qualifications

- Masters level or higher in an appropriate discipline. One degree must be in forestry, wildlife, or a closely related field from an accredited institution. A strong candidate with a B.S. level degree in forestry, wildlife, or a closely related field from an accredited institution with 3 years of experience may be considered—but are required to obtain a M.S. degree within 7 years of hire.
- Driver's license and personal vehicle.
- Willing and able to work some nights and weekends for programs, events or meetings as well as accomplish extensive, year-round field work.
- Required to become a New Hampshire Licensed Forester, if not already.
- Hillsborough position: Required to receive New Hampshire pesticide applicator's license (Commercial Not for Hire), if not already licensed.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills; an ability to work effectively and cooperatively with co-workers and people with a variety of values and interests; a willingness to participate in professional development activities to add and enhance knowledge.
- Demonstrated competency managing forest land and related resources.
- Extension (or related) education, outreach and/or related programming experience.
- Ability to provide natural resources programming in an urbanizing and suburbanizing environment.
- Competency with computers and current technology, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

Desirable Qualifications

- At least 3 years' experience in extension or related landowner outreach and/or forest land management, invasive species management, urban forestry, small woodlot management, best management practices, markets, safety and law.
- Experience with online learning and social media.

Additional Job Information:

These are full-time, benefits-eligible positions, including professional development, group health, disability, life insurance, and the USNH retirement plan. Salary and rank are commensurate with education and experience. All applications must be submitted on-line with cover letter, resume and contact information for three letters of recommendations to the UNH Human Resources website (<https://jobs.usnh.edu>). Application review begins September 1, 2019. Computer access/assistance is available at the Human Resources Office, 2 Leavitt Lane, Durham NH 03824 or call 603-862-0501 (TTY Users 603-862-3227). Application review will continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Finalists for consideration will be subject to a background check.

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