

What is forestry?

Are you drawn to Colorado's massive network of forest land in both rural and urban settings? Do you care about the plants and wildlife that live there? You might enjoy a career in Forestry where you'll:

- Learn how to develop and evaluate forest and fire management plans
- Provide technical assistance or ways to keep our forests and grasslands healthy

Day in the life



Career path



How can I get experience?

General exposure/experience: Camp Rocky

Volunteer opportunities: US Forest Service, Volunteer.gov

Youth employment: Colorado Youth Corps Association

Professional societies: Society of American Foresters, Weed Science Society of America

Salary/pay range

The average salary for a Forester in Colorado is:

\$49,383
(From Indeed)

Examples of careers

- Campground Maintenance
- Trail Crew
- Wildland Firefighter
- Forestry Technician
- Plant Protection Technician
- Arborist
- Silviculturist

Skills

Leadership and supervision
Safety and risk management
Fieldwork and physical fitness



Career spotlight: Assistant staff forester

What they do

Foresters learn how to manage forested land at a broader scale but can also help individual homeowners learn about trees on their property. Firefighting, working at a nursery or being an arborist are all roles someone in forestry could have throughout their career.

“Trees have been very good to me. I tell young people to do what you love and you will never tire of going to work,” said Colorado State Forest Service Assistant Staff Forester Vince Urbina.

Skills and education check

A love for plants, science and the forest ecosystems are key to working in forestry. Skills, training and certification are crucial to entering this field. Some jobs require an associate's degree while you might have the opportunity for more specialization with a bachelor's degree.



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