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Listed below are some of the jobs that shape and sustain tomorrow.

There are many ways to leave a legacy at the Forest Service.

Natural resource specialists

are responsible for monitoring and reducing the impacts caused by forest visitors and other influences. Duties can include developing, overseeing and maintaining popular recreation facilities such as trails, campgrounds and picnic areas; reducing the spread of invasive species; and issuing special use permits.

Rangeland management specialists

manage range vegetation on National Forest lands for a variety of uses, including grazing by livestock and forage for wildlife. They also work closely with livestock producers while managing permits which allows grazing on National Forest lands. They also analyze ecosystem health and maintain diversity of plant and grass communities in grazing areas.

Foresters

work outdoors and are experts in managing growth of different types of trees and other vegetation. They are skilled in planting, removing or caring for trees, while considering how a forest may develop over long time frames. From planting seedlings to inspecting a contractor's work, foresters provide the technical and professional expertise for evaluating the health of our forests.

Recreation technicians

perform a variety of outdoor assignments, which allow the public to safely access and enjoy special places, such as trails, campgrounds, rivers and lakes. Common duties include clearing downed trees from hiking trails, cleaning campground facilities and providing information about recreational opportunities.

Wildland firefighters

are involved with wildland fire suppression, management and control. Firefighters may be away from home for weeks at a time, often working long hours outdoors and may fly in helicopters, hike into mountainous areas or patrol on roads to access wildfires. They also often speak to the public about fire prevention.

Wildlife biologists

evaluate and monitor forest projects, such as road work and trail enhancements, to develop recommendations that protect and conserve wildlife and their habitat. They are an essential part of the agency because they work with local, state, non-profit and federal partners to help restore habitats, assess population trends and meet conservation goals.

Engineering technicians

work with engineers to make sure roads are in good condition, buildings are safe, and other structures are maintained for public use. They help design roads and structures, such as culverts and retaining walls. They spend significant time outdoors collecting data on soil, topography, gradient, stream location and other physical characteristics to determine where a road or structure should be placed. Engineering technicians help prepare final plans and drawings for civil engineers.

Resource assistants

help manage natural resources by tracking and accounting for the financial aspects of timber activities. They also interact with individuals and businesses regularly to sell and oversee special forest product permits, like Christmas tree, firewood and mushroom permits.

Visitor information assistants

greet all customers that enter a Forest Service office or visitor center and provide information about National Forests. In addition to maintaining the front desk and answering the phone, they also sell products like maps, permits and recreation passes.

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