

Procurement Forester



High School Courses

- Forestry
- Business
- Plant Biology
- English



Education/Training

- 4-year degree in forestry or related field from a Society of American Foresters (SAF) accredited university



Responsibilities

- Identify quality timber and types
- Negotiate timber prices
- Buy timber
- Understand economics and the market for forest products
- Drive between forest sites and the office
- Follow environmental laws, regulations, and standards
- Implement best management practices (BMP)



Skills

- Identify timber stands
- Measure and calculate timber volume
- Use pacing and other tools to create maps of timber stands
- Use GIS and other forestry software
- Understand forestry methods
- Negotiate prices



Abilities/Personality

- Personable
- Outgoing
- Driven
- Responsible



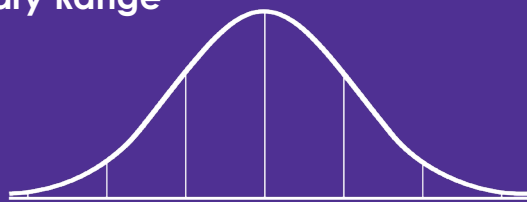
Work Environment

Procurement foresters travel frequently between different forest sites and spend much time in the field assessing lumber quality. Procurement foresters are physically active on the job and need to have flexibility for scheduling visits to various forest locations.

Job Description

Procurement foresters are professional foresters who specialize in buying quality timber for wood product mills. They must understand harvest practices, timber quality, and how to estimate timber volume. Most procurement foresters work for medium to large size companies – pulp and paper mills, sawmills, engineered wood products mills, and pellet mills. Their duties include scoping sites, providing quotes, and negotiating final prices.

Salary Range



\$62,000
Low end

\$78,000
Median

\$120,000
High end

