

FORESTER I/ HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

- Summary: Performs a variety of skilled work in the operation of forestry related equipment, heavy equipment and specialized machinery utilized in maintenance, repair and sanitary landfill operation.
- Supervision Received: Director of Public Works/Engineering, Maintenance Superintendent, Street and Sanitation Foreman, City Forester.
- Supervision Exercised: This position is the entry-level position into the Forestry Department of the City of Williston. Individuals in this position are expected to function as an understudy to the City Forester. With supervision giving to Seasonal Workers.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Operates the following pieces of equipment: bucket truck with hydraulics, chain saw, tree chipper, tree stumper, mechanical tree spade, air compressor jackhammer, air driven compaction tools, dump trucks, front-end loaders, rollers, sewer jetters, sewer and manhole vacuums, sand spreaders, motor patrols, street sweepers, cranes, bulldozers, scrapers, trash compactors, steamers, concrete saws.
2. Learns the arboricultural task needed to perform tree pruning, removal, damage prevention and repair in accordance with ISA and Department Standards.
3. Learns to plant trees in a variety of sizes, and locations using transplanting methods endorsed by the Forestry Departments tree planting plan.
4. Performs all support tasks that are needed to conduct the responsibilities of the Department, i.e., raking, driving, spraying, lifting, ect.
5. Utilizes all equipment required to perform the Department's task in a safe, careful and efficient manner
6. Operates a variety of other special and standard equipment as assigned.
7. Services equipment and makes field adjustments and repairs.
8. Levels and finishes asphalt and concrete
9. Helps repair water pumping stations
10. Maintain fire hydrants, valves, sewer and water mains
11. Performs manual labor incidental to the operation to which assigned and occasionally exercises supervision over other operators and laborers.
12. Must be on call occasionally on weekends or after hours.
13. Performs related work as required.
14. The nature of this position requires the ability to respond to emergencies in a timely fashion. The position residency shall be such that when the employee is notified of an emergency, the safe and prudent driving time to the public works facility shall be within 22 minutes of notification. If the employee is scheduled as part of the On-Call Roster, the employee driving time to the public works facility shall be within 12 minutes.

Peripheral Job Duties:

1. Open and close graves at cemetery.
2. Operate forklift and skid steer loaders

3. Substitute for sanitation truck drivers, operating side load and rear load sanitation trucks and roll-off trucks.

Note: The functions and duties listed are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of the specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position. The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Minimum qualifications: Knowledge of the operation, maintenance and use of aerial bucket truck, chipper, chainsaw, mechanical tree & spade, heavy motor equipment in general construction and maintenance activities. Knowledge of the traffic laws, ordinances, and regulations related to equipment operation. Knowledge of the occupational hazards and necessary safety precautions in the operation of heavy motor driven equipment. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to perform strenuous laboring tasks under varying weather conditions. Skill in the operation of heavy motor driven equipment over rough, slippery, or unstable surfaces.

Education: High School Graduate or equivalent, Associate Degree in the field of Urban Forestry or related field.

Experience: Experience in the operation and routine maintenance of heavy motor driven equipment.

OR any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand; walk; sit; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment: The work environment characteristics described here are representatives of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts, in high precarious places, exposed to fumes or airborne particles, vibration, or risk of electric shock. The employee will occasionally work in confined spaces and can be exposed to wet, humid conditions. The employee regularly works in outside weather conditions.

The noise level in the outside work environment is frequently is loud to very loud. Office environment is usually quiet.

Essential Job Functions: Maintains records on work activities, inventories and prepares reports on activities. Responds to citizen inquires and complaints. Assures equipment is in proper working order. Keeps abreast of newly developed techniques and equipment related to forestry.

Equipment Used in Job Performance: 2-way radio, computer, chipper, chainsaw, mechanical tree spade, aerial bucket truck, stump cutter, forklift, dump trucks, front-end loaders, rollers, sewer jettors, sewer and manhole vacuums, sand spreaders, motor patrols, street sweepers, cranes, bulldozers, scrapers, trash compactors, steamers, concrete saws, air compressor, jackhammer, air driven compaction tools.

Special Requirement: Must have a valid ND Commercial Driver's License within three months of hiring. Possess ability to obtain a ND pesticide application license.

Position is safety-sensitive and requires pre-employment drug testing and subject to alcohol and controlled-substance requirements at all times when on duty.

Range: 39

Salary: \$27,376 - 47,131.00