



# MEET A FORESTRY CAREER PROFESSIONAL

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"It's really challenging to describe a typically day because no two days are alike. I might spend one day meeting with a landowner and helping them learn more about their trees and how they can manage their forest, and the next, I might be working with a logger to find the best place to cross a stream on a timber harvest. I spend a lot of time educating landowners, loggers, and anyone else with an interest in trees or forests. Every forest, landowner, and project is different than the last, and that keeps things interesting. I also appreciate how my daily tasks shift with the seasons."

## WHAT EARLY OPPORTUNITIES DID YOU TAKE TO HELP YOU GET WHERE YOU ARE TODAY?

"As soon as I was able I started adding certifications to my resumé that related to careers in natural resources. I didn't need to be a pesticide applicator or wood scaler to be a forester, but those extra licenses gave me a broader understanding of the industry and a leg up on job applications."

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING YOUR CAREER PATH?

"Every job has good parts and less good parts. Try to find a job that will allow you to capitalize on your interests and pursue the things that keep you motivated to keep learning and improving."



**"I can't think of a single person who gets to work outside that wishes for an office job. There will always be rough days, but the perfect days will more than make up for it."**