**Full Job Description**

Alabama State Association of Cooperatives

Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund

Rural Training and Research Center

Epes, Alabama

Forestry Outreach Specialist

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives/LAF, is a regional cooperative and rural development organization, serving a membership of Black farmers, landowners, cooperatives, and other low-income rural people in the Southeast. The Forestry Outreach Specialist will support efforts to engage underserved landowners in sustainable forestry practices and facilitate their access to available assistance programs. The Forestry Outreach Specialist will follow the guidance of the Alabama State Associations of Cooperatives (ASAC) State Coordinator and the Director of the Rural Training and Research Center/Regional Agroforestry Center.

**Responsibilities**

Provide forestry inventory, resource mapping, boundary lines delineation

Performing outreach to landowners to promote sustainable forestry and developing education activities for private landowners.

Providing land/forest management technical assistance to private landowners

Develop forestry management and burn plans.

Working with landowners to facilitate access to land assistance programs through private, state, and federal agencies.

Maintaining and reporting in writing monthly records on activities performed.

Support other activities related to sustainable forestry including agroforestry and urban forestry.

Work cooperatively with relevant groups, including conservation organizations state and federal agencies, nonprofit organization, and private agencies.

Assist non-industrial private landowners with obtaining SFI and/ or FSC certification.

Assist with coordination and implementation of youth forestry camp

Assist with the management of the 1300 acres Rural Training Research and Agroforestry Center in Epes, AL

Other duties as requested and relevant to the organization's mission and work around cooperative development, land retention and advocacy in general.

**Qualifications**

· Minimum Associated Degree in forestry, natural resource management, or other related fields

Strong desire and/or experience in working with private landowners.

Willing listener, with the ability to translate communication into the appropriate course of action.

Good understanding of relevant Farm Bill Programs and USDA Agencies.

Ability to work independently or with minimal supervision to meet objectives and deadlines.

Ability to exert moderate physical effort; ability to work outside in most types of weather conditions.

Dependable transportation and ability to travel, including occasional overnight stay.

Demonstrate proficiency with Microsoft Office Programs.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: $35,000.00 - $40,000.00 per year

Benefits:

* 401(k)
* Health insurance
* Retirement plan

Schedule:

* 8 hour shift

Education:

* Associate (Preferred)

License/Certification:

* Driver's License