

**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. Currently, we seek a Forestry Outreach Specialist to 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 Director of the Regional Agroforestry Center and/or Director of the Rural Training and Research Center.

Resume's for the position should be sent to:

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Responsibilities

- Performing landowners' outreach to promote sustainable forestry and developing education activities for private landowners
- Providing Land/forest management technical assistance to private landowners
- Developing/coordinating, and delivering information to landowners
- Working with landowners to facilitate access to land assistance programs and available through private, state, and federal agencies
- Maintaining project's records and reporting accomplishments and lessons-learned to supervisor, partners, and funders
- Support other activities related to sustainable forestry including agroforestry
- Work cooperatively with relevant organizations including conservation organizations and other public and private agencies
- Assist with coordination and implementation of youth forestry camps and other related activities
- Other duties as requested and relevant to the organization's mission and work around land retention in general

Qualifications

- B.S. degree in Forestry, natural resource management, wildlife management, or other related fields
- Experience in working with private landowners in general and small and underserved landowners in particular
- Ability to communicate and interact with underserved landowners and the public

- 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 maintain high levels of professionalism and safety while visiting working forestry operations and/or interfacing with landowners and partners
- Working knowledge of forest types in the southeast, applicable BMPs and regulations
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and adapt as needed
- Assist in identifying and securing additional project funds
- Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office
- Dependable transportation and ability to travel, including occasional overnight stays

Salary

- Commensurate with experience.

***Special Note: The successful candidate must reside or be willing to relocate to within 60 miles of Epes, Alabama.**