



DEPARTMENT OF  
**NATURAL RESOURCE  
ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT**

## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Assistant Professor Forest Ecology and Management**

Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management  
Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
Oklahoma State University

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#### **Description:**

The Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management (NREM) at Oklahoma State University (OSU) invites applications for a full-time, eleven-month, tenure-track position (70% teaching and 30% extension) in forest ecology and management. Oklahoma is an ecologically diverse state and forestlands provide significant ecosystem services to a large number of forest landowners. At Oklahoma State, our students in the Forest Ecology and Management option learn science-based management and conservation of forested ecosystems and related natural resources. Students gain the skills that are necessary for the measurement, assessment, and valuation of natural resources and the evaluation of management strategies for forests and related wildlands. The Forestry Ecology and Management option is accredited by the Society of American Foresters (SAF).

We are seeking a candidate who can contribute to teaching related to 'SAF Required Areas of Study' that may include but are not limited to classes in introductory forestry, wood products and harvesting, recreational uses of forest resources, and forest/natural resource ecology. The successful candidate may also teach a graduate level course in their area of expertise. Specific instructional assignments depend upon the candidate's expertise and the needs of the department. In addition, the candidate is expected to advise and provide mentorship to undergraduate and graduate students in the department. Participation and presentation in teaching-oriented seminars/workshops and peer-reviewed publications in pedagogical journals is desired. The successful candidate is also expected to develop a nationally recognized, science-based forest Extension program that enhances the knowledge base of forest landowners and other clientele. The faculty member will work closely with multidisciplinary faculty in the department and division, county Extension personnel, forest landowner associations, state and federal agencies, Southern Regional Extension Forestry (SREF), and other organizations within and beyond Oklahoma. As a forest Extension Specialist, the faculty member will develop an outreach program that serves forest landowners, the timber industry, natural resources professionals, and the general public through short courses, popular articles, Extension bulletins, workshops, field days, applied research articles and media. The faculty member is expected to seek appropriate extramural funding and collaborations to support these efforts.

The department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management is comprised of 22 faculty with expertise in fisheries, forest, rangeland, and wildlife resources, plus 12 administrative and research support staff. Approximately 40-50 masters and doctoral graduate students are advised by NREM faculty, and we serve over 260 undergraduate students. The Department is also the administrative home of the Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. The candidate will be expected to serve on departmental, college, and university committees.

#### **Qualifications:**

Requirements include a Ph.D. in forestry or a field related to forest resource management. Documented evidence of effective oral and written education skills, an understanding of the land-grant mission, and a strong interest in working with landowners, stakeholders, and land management agencies is required. Evidence of the ability to develop and maintain an active collaborative and independent Extension program, to publish peer-reviewed articles, to seek and secure extramural funding to support collaborative research and Extension efforts, to create a stimulating environment for teaching and learning, and the ability to provide mentorship of students is required.

### **Salary:**

Competitive and commensurate with education, training and experience.

### **Application Procedures:**

Applications must be submitted online at:

<https://jobs.okstate.edu> (search by keyword req9613)

Candidates should submit: 1) a letter of application that includes a brief description of the applicant's teaching and Extension philosophy, 2) a complete CV that includes: background, education, experience, and a list of publications and extramural funding, 3) official academic transcripts, and 4) contact information for three (3) references. Questions can be directed to Dr. Omkar Joshi, [omkar.joshi@okstate.edu](mailto:omkar.joshi@okstate.edu).

Review of applications will begin August 15, 2021, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The position will be filled by December 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as an outstanding candidate is available. Continuation of this position is subject to performance and need.

For more information about the department, visit <http://nrem.okstate.edu>.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity:**

*Oklahoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/E-verify employer committed to diversity and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against based on age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status. OSU is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and desires priority referrals of protected veterans for its openings. For more information, please visit <http://eeo.okstate.edu>.*