



Manager, US Forestry Operations - San Francisco

New Forests is a sustainable real assets investment manager offering leading edge strategies in forestry, land management, and conservation. Our business mission is to manage sustainable landscapes for production and conservation and to generate shared value for our clients and the communities where we operate. Founded in 2005, we offer institutional investors dedicated investment strategies in the United States, Australia-New Zealand, and Southeast Asia and have almost USD 3.5 billion in assets under management globally, including over 2.3 million acres of forests and land. Our assets include sustainable timber plantations, rural land, infrastructure, and conservation investments related to ecosystem restoration and protection. New Forests is headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with offices in San Francisco, Singapore, New Zealand and Melbourne.

New Forests is offering a great opportunity for a qualified candidate to undertake the role of Manager US Forestry Operations. In this role you will support the Associate Director, Operations in the management of U.S. forestry assets for targeted financial returns and measurable climate impact. The current portfolio includes approximately 200,000 acres of forests in the western United States.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Working with third party property managers to
 - develop operational and strategic plans for timberland assets
 - deliver timber harvest operations
 - deliver special projects such as conservation easements on time and on budget
 - develop and monitor annual budgets
- Support for annual budgeting, monitoring, and investment reporting processes
- Take a lead role in developing and improving environmental, health and safety performance of New Forests' assets
- Ensures timely and accurate reporting to internal and external stakeholders
- Collaboration with:
 - New Forests' carbon operations team and investment analytics team in the design and operation of forest carbon offset projects on managed timberland assets
 - New Forests' investment analytics team to conduct financial and biological analysis of timberland assets to aid operational and strategic decision making
- Support for timberland appraisal process

We are looking for candidates with the following qualifications/experience:

- Forestry degree or equivalent experience (5-10 years)
- Experience in working forest operations with a good understanding of applicable forest practice rules, best management practices in varying jurisdictions, and FSC requirements for US forest management
- Strong understanding of financial aspects of timberland operational management
- Registered Professional Forester or Certified Forester qualification, an advantage
- Experience with the design and development of forest carbon offset projects for the California regulatory cap and trade system
- Experience in project management and managing contractors
- Broad exposure to private investments and comingled funds, an advantage
- Experience with forest inventory, growth and yield modelling, geospatial data, and linear programming, an advantage
- Excellent time management and organisational skills, with an ability to prioritise effectively
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent stakeholder management skills
- Good Microsoft Office skills including Outlook, Word, Excel
- An ability to work independently and take ownership of the role
- Desire and capacity to build strong relationships and work within a team environment
- Ability to adapt to change quickly and effectively
- Can work in a variety of environments and people with varying backgrounds, areas of expertise and experience levels
- Able to undertake some domestic travel within the US

What can we offer?

Our environment is busy and supportive, and the team is professional but relaxed. If you join us you would be joining a growing, fast paced business which is an environmental & sustainable leader in forestry investment. You will also be working with professionals who are passionate about their work!

To Apply

Please apply by sending a cover letter and resume explaining your interest in and qualifications for the position, in PDF format to careers@newforests.com.au

Applications for this role will close on 26 April 2019.

Phone calls will not be accepted.

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