



Job Posting

Forestry Technician

The West Moberly First Nations (WMFN) is located a 35 minutes drive/40 kms northwest of Chetwynd, BC at the west end of Moberly Lake. The area is surrounded by the lake and rivers, trees and mountains. Our community values its mission which is to positively enhance the procession of West Moberly First Nations ethics with respect, honesty, fairness, integrity and self motivation by promoting open communication with members, Chief & Council and staff.

About the position

The Forestry Technician will focus on working with the forest industry through identifying, assessing, and evaluating proposed projects related to forest related development. The Technician will recommend courses of action with respect to land use planning and natural resource management within the boundaries of Treaty 8 to ensure the environment sustains cultural determination on behalf of the West Moberly First Nations.

Responsibilities:

Leadership

- Create and provide work plans and deliverables with staff.
- Supervise Forestry Technicians and other related staff working in the Forestry sector in the delivery of Land Use Programs.
- Draft correspondence on behalf of WMFN setting out WMFN's legal positions with respect to proposed forestry activities. When required, prepare consultation chronologies and other documentation to support WMFN litigation and negotiation strategies.
- Make use of the cultural knowledge of WMFN members and Elders when responding to proponents and government.
- Liaise with licensees, Ministry of Forest, Land and Natural Resources Operations and other relevant regulatory agencies to obtain further detailed information.

Program Management

- Provide leadership and assistance in the organization and establishment of strategies in the protection of aboriginal and treaty rights, forestry and provide assistance with other departments on air and water quality, land use, habitat, wildlife, environment, resource conservation, and all matters of issue specific social and economic objectives when possible.
- Act as the WMFN point of contact for companies and various regulatory and governmental agencies at the local, regional, provincial, and national levels with respect to forestry related activities. This includes acting as the coordination point for various departmental and WMFN functions.



- Engage with and build relationships with industry, government, and other third-party personnel conducting business activities within WMFN cultural areas.
- Recommend legal and legislative research needs of proposed projects with the Federal and provincial governments concerning oil and gas activities.
- Arrange meetings, whenever required, to discuss land use planning and project specifics. Coordinate the scheduling of meetings when the attendance of other WMFN personnel (e.g., Land Use Manager, Chief and Council, or Elders) is required.
- Ensure all obligations set out in the MOUs/ LOUs/LOIs and other cooperation agreements are fulfilled by all parties as they relate to forestry activities.
- Review, report, mitigate pesticide and invasive species files in conjunction with other staff as directed by the Land Use Manager.

Administration

- Receive, catalogue, organize, track, and respond to written and telephone requests for comments on forestry development plans, forest stewardship plans, harvesting permits, pest management plans and permit applications, and other applicable forest related requests.
- Arrange meetings and coordinate the scheduling of meetings when the attendance of other WMFN staff.
- Maintain professionalism when listening to and addressing the concerns of proponents and government and while articulating the concerns of WMFN.

Negotiations

- Develop, negotiate, and administer capacity funding agreements with forest licensees and government agencies to enable WMFN to retain technical/consultant assistance as required.
- Participate in and contribute to discussions/negotiations with forest licensees and government agencies to address project and relationship issues.

Research

- When needed, use the WMFN Geographic Information System outputs to support WMFN analysis of project proposals.
- Research and analyze proposed forestry activities and recommend options that best protect WMFN rights and interests.
- Provide reports, when requested by the Land Use Manager, on issues arising from the forestry industry.
- Identify WMFN issues and make recommendations for conflict resolution and provide advice to Land Use Manager.
- Assist LUD staff in planning and execution of community land use objectives.
- Provide analytical and technical support to treaty discussions and other negotiations.



Qualifications/Education:

- Post-secondary and/or Masters' Degree or a combination of education and work experience in Administration, Natural Resources or First Nations Land Management, Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife will be considered. This is preferable but not necessarily required depending on the type and length of experience.
- At least three to five (3-5) years' previous experience within a First Nations forestry department.
- Understanding of First Nations Governance.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Understanding of traditional forestry management within First Nations communities.
- Clear and concise communication style both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated organizational skills to effectively prioritize workload and meet deadlines.
- Effective interpersonal and organizational skills and the ability to maintain effective working relationships.
- Ability to handle confidential information with tact and discretion.
- Working knowledge of basic record keeping and bookkeeping/accounting procedures.
- Advanced Microsoft Office skills, GIS & related databases.
- Possess Valid driver's license and clean driver's abstract.
- Comply to Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector.

How to Apply

Interested candidates can email their cover letter and resume, as soon as possible to jobs@westmo.org. This posting will remain open until filled.