

New York State Department of Civil Service
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

Occ. Code 1506400

Forest Ranger 4, Grade 23

Brief Description of Class Series

Forest Rangers are sworn police officers, who work within an assigned geographic area, and enforce provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) in order to protect and enhance the State's lands and natural resources and the well-being of the public who use these resources. Forest Rangers 4 function as managers or "majors" over three geographic areas encompassing one or more regions in the Division of Forest Protection.

These positions are classified only at the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Forest Ranger 4: manager; supervises Forest Rangers 3; oversees multi-county geographic areas (groups of regions) and administrative programs in Central Office; develops policies for groups of regions and ensures programs and regions comply with Department and Division policies and procedures, and accomplish Division goals.

Illustrative Tasks

Reporting to an Assistant Director Forest Ranger Services, serves as statewide duty officer; oversees field operations and responses to regional and statewide emergencies; inspects evidence collection facilities; assists Office of Professional Standards with investigating complaints against personnel by interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence, and preparing reports for executive review; participates in contract negotiations and assists agency management with contract implementation; oversees the resolution of disciplinary issues and directs appropriate counseling efforts; oversees recruitment efforts for assigned geographic areas and assists with overall agency wide recruitment efforts for program area; directs training and development programs for staff; develops relationships and coordinates communication activities across local, State, and federal law enforcement organizations; and assists with developing agency-wide policies specific to State land management and public use.

Minimum Qualifications

Promotion: either one year or service as a Forest Ranger 3; or two years of service as a Forest Ranger 2.

Note: Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent, and scope of duties and responsibilities of the classes they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum requirements for appointment or examination.

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