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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Forest Technician – Whitney/Madawaska

The Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) is seeking a Forest Technician/Tree marking Supervisor for the 2026 season. The AFA is the Ontario Crown Agency responsible for sustainable forest management in Algonquin Provincial Park. Our responsibilities include harvesting and distribution of wood products to mills in communities adjacent to the park, as well as forest management planning, silviculture, and compliance monitoring.

<u>Positions and Locations:</u>	Forest Technician – Whitney/Madawaska
<u>Approximate Start Date:</u>	April 2026
<u>Duration:</u>	1 year (with possibility of full-time permanent afterwards)
<u>Salary:</u>	\$34.31 - \$41.36 per hour dependent on experience
<u>Applications Due:</u>	No later than 4:00 pm, March 6, 2026

Job Description:

Reporting to AFA Area Forester, the successful candidate will lead and oversee tree marking and prescription implementation in support of forest management and silviculture objectives. The role includes extensive field time and direct supervision of marking crews and contractors.

Key responsibilities include:

- Planning, supervising, and participating in tree marking operations across varying GLSL forest types
- Ensuring tree marking aligns with approved silviculture prescriptions, Forest Management Plan objectives, and AFA standards
- Supervising tree markers and contractors, including quality assurance, consistency checks, and corrective feedback
- Conducting field audits to ensure marking quality, retention targets, and operational feasibility
- Supporting the development, implementation, and refinement of silviculture prescriptions
- Coordinating with Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks staff as required
- Promoting and enforcing health and safety standards during all field operations

Qualifications:

The following qualifications are preferred:

- Post-secondary education in Forestry from an accredited College or University
- Minimum of three (3) years of operational forestry experience, with a strong emphasis on tree marking
- Demonstrated experience in diverse ranges of GLSL forest types
- Ontario Tree Marking Level 2 certification (required)
- Forest Operations Inspection Program (FOIP) certification (preferred)
- Working knowledge of Ontario forest legislation, regulations, and policies
- Strong field leadership, communication, and mentoring skills
- Proven commitment to safe work practices and knowledge of the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act

This role requires a high level of field presence, with an expected 80% field / 20% office split depending on season and operational demands. The successful candidate must be comfortable working independently in remote forest environments and making sound professional judgments in the field.

Travel and work in remote locations will be required. Lodging and meals or a meal allowance will be provided when applicable.

Applications consisting of a brief cover letter and resume must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. March 6, 2026. Interested candidates may apply in confidence to:

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We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.