



Ciara with her friend on the work site

Ciara Fenimore  
**Assistant Forester**  
*Hancock Forest  
Management*

### **TYPE OF WORK**

I deal mainly with reforestation and managing the areas where the company has harvested to make sure that new trees establish and grow into healthy forests.



# Assistant Forester



**TYPICAL DAY:** During a typical day, I manage herbicide application of invasive species on the land managed by Hancock and assist with precommercial thinnings to make sure that tree stands are healthy. I create maps that articulate the harvest unit layout. I also work on the reforestation plan for recently harvested areas. I'm often out in the field managing units that need to be sprayed or planted. I rely heavily on maps and GPS programs.

**CAREER PATHWAY:**

I started working at our small family operated nursery and sawmill about four years ago. I became interested in forestry as soon as I found out it existed (my high school never told us about natural resources career paths). I enrolled at school at Green River College and completed two internships with Hancock Forest Management before accepting a full time job at the end of my last internship with he company. I love working outside in such a beautiful state.



**IMPORTANT SKILLS**  
Tree and plant identification, wilderness safety and first aid, stream, wetland, and forest ecology, and experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

**EDUCATION**  
Bachelor's Degree

**SALARY RANGE**  
\$50,000-\$75,000

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE**  
Maps, GIS, Avenza, and Microsoft Office, backpack sprayers, loppers, and other hand tools.

"I love that when I go to work, everyday is different. I get to be outside in the fresh air and make a difference in the woods." - Ciara Fenimore