Ciara Fenimore
Assistant Forester
Hancock Forest Management

Ciara with her friend on the work site

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 the company. I love working outside in such a beautiful state.

**Ciara in the field on her day off.**

**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

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