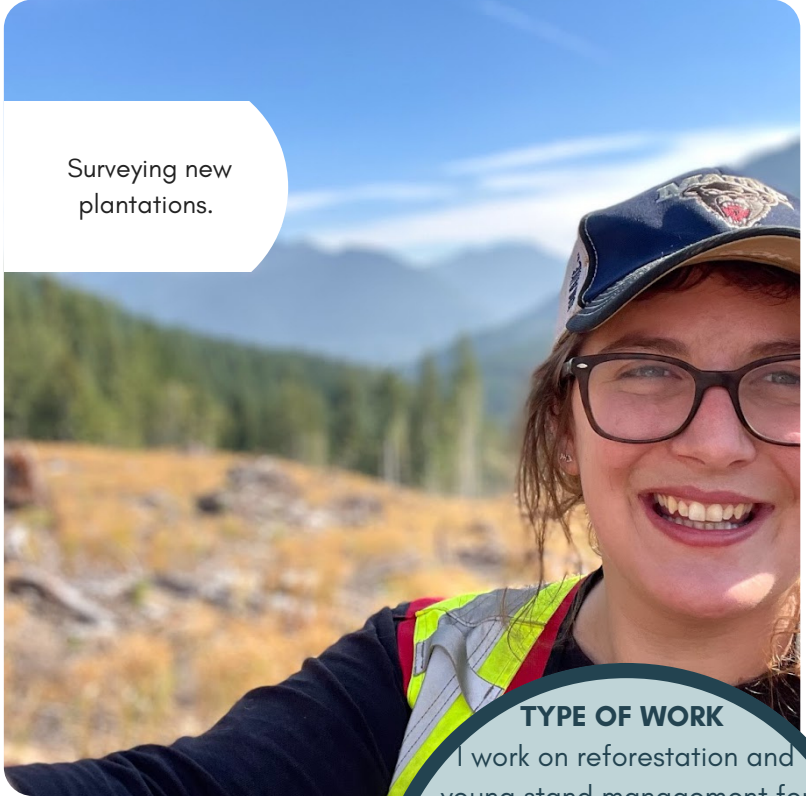




Surveying new
plantations.



TYPE OF WORK

I work on reforestation and young stand management for a family-owned forestry and lumber company in southwest Washington. I manage trees from seed to maturity, primarily working in young plantations.

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TYPICAL DAY: Days are extremely varied depending on the weather, season, etc. with approximately 60-70% field time. My field days vary from early morning meeting up with a reforestation crew and supervising their work, to solo time surveying plantations and bouncing around checking on projects. In the office, I am primarily managing data and making maps for future projects, as well as collaborating with my coworkers.

CAREER PATHWAY:

During college, I worked for a family owned forest management company, a wood products testing lab, the university-run experimental forest, and took odd jobs planting and pruning trees and running equipment. After college, I worked for Oregon Department of Forestry in their timber sales program; then Washington Department of Natural Resources in timber sales, forest genetics, and with small forest landowners. I also had a contracting business doing timber cruising.



IMPORTANT SKILLS

Local area knowledge, navigation, tree/plant species ID, soil science.

FAVORITE TOOL

Maps are a great tool for communicating about the place you are in!

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree

SALARY RANGE

\$75,000-\$99,999

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Tree measuring tools, shovel, chainsaw, caulk boots with spiked soles, cruising vest, hardhat, truck, maps, GPS, weather tools like wind gauge and sling psychrometer, forklift

"I love the variety, the seasonality, being out in some of the most beautiful and remote places in SW Washington, and of course bringing my dog to work!"

- *Norah Young*