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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 –
Present

Managing Member

Forest Environmental Solutions, LLC, Dade City, Florida

- Responsible for the development of the company strategy and its implementation with regards to assisting landowners with their forest/land management needs.
- Manages the daily operations of the company.
- Specializes in design and implementation of silvicultural prescriptions including chemical and mechanical site preparation, reforestation, herbicide applications, prescribed burning, ground cover restoration, mitigation, timber inventories, and timber harvesting for private and public landowners.
- Develops strategies to assist landowners in meeting their environmental land management/wildlife habitat enhancement goals and objectives.
- Responsible for the creation of comprehensive forest management and forest stewardship plans.
- Provides expert witness testimony and assists landowners with Value Adjustment Board hearings.
- Responsible for the creation of various land management maps and provides technical assistance utilizing GIS and GPS applications.
- Investigates and proposes wildlife and habitat mitigation/conservation options for landowners.

2007 –
2008

Division Manager – San Antonio Division

Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc., San Antonio, Florida

- Managed the daily operations of the San Ann Division.
- Participated in all professional service activities offered by the firm.

2000 –
2007

Senior Forester

Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc., San Antonio, Florida

- Specialized in design and implementation of silvicultural prescriptions including chemical and mechanical site preparation, reforestation, herbicide applications, prescribed burning, ground cover restoration, mitigation, and timber harvesting for private and public landowners.
- Responsible for the creation of comprehensive forest management and forest stewardship plans.
- Provided expert witness testimony and assisted landowners with Value Adjustment Board hearings.
- Responsible for the creation of various land management maps and provided technical assistance utilizing GIS and GPS applications.
- Participated in all professional service activities offered by the firm including timber inventories, timber/rural land appraisals, wildlife ecology, environmental land management, real estate, and all aspects of forest/land management.

1997 –
2000

Timber Forester

Florida Division of Forestry, Brooksville, FL

- Planned and executed all timber sales, reforestation, site preparation, and timber stand improvement projects for the 150,000 acre Withlacoochee State Forest.
- Participated in planning and execution of prescribed burns.
- Conducted forest inventories and managed all associated data.
- Certified Forest Firefighter; assisted in wildfire suppression efforts.

EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

SAF Certified Forester #2924
MSHA (Mining Safety and Health Association) Certified
Certified Prescribed Burn Manager #2004-3499
Licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate #SL3203968

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Forests
Florida Forestry Association
Society of American Foresters
2003/2002 SAF Caribbean Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
2001 SAF Caribbean Chapter Chair
Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee - Alternate