

Employer: Ascent Forestry

Title: Groundsperson (Hand Cut/Pile)

Location: Downieville, CA (Tahoe National Forest)

Compensation: \$35 per hour

Duration: Project work is expected to start in October 2025 and finish by December 2025.

Position summary: Our hand-pile crew will support a fuels-reduction project on the Tahoe National Forest. Working under the direction of project supervisors, groundspersons will use chainsaws and hand tools to thin small trees and brush, limb residual trees, and construct burn piles. This is physically demanding work on steep terrain in a remote outdoor setting.

Qualifications:

- Proven experience operating chainsaws and performing manual fuels-reduction or similar forestry work; ability to maintain and sharpen saws.
- Knowledge of hand-piling standards and wildland fuel-management practices.
- Strong understanding of safety protocols and fire-plan compliance; ability to carry and use fire-suppression tools.
- Physical fitness and stamina to hike steep slopes, carry heavy loads, and work long days in remote, variable weather.
- Ability to follow detailed prescriptions and select leave trees based on species priority and tree condition.
- First-Aid/CPR certification and chainsaw safety certification (e.g., S-212) preferred.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation to the project site.

Application: Please apply at ascentforestry.com/join-our-team.

Closing date: October 31, 2025.