

Director of Forest Operations & Environmental Programs Washington Forest Protection Association

The Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) is seeking a Director of Forest Operations & Environmental Programs to provide scientific, technical, and operational leadership on forest management and Washington's (WA) Forest Practices regulatory framework and related state and federal requirements. This position helps ensure WFPA's work is grounded in strong technical analysis and real-world operational feasibility, supporting solutions that protect public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The Director reports to the Senior Director of Forest Policy and supports WFPA member companies and leadership by evaluating proposed regulatory and policy changes, preparing clear written and verbal briefings, and helping develop credible, workable alternatives. The position also supports WFPA committees and task groups and represents WFPA in technical and policy forums as needed. The Director will work across disciplines and topics, translating applied science into practical policy guidance and supporting consistent, defensible positions on complex issues.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide technical and operational analysis of forest policy and regulatory proposals, including compliance and economic implications
- Track and support rulemaking, implementation issues, and agency guidance affecting forest operations
- Prepare briefings, comments, technical memos, presentations, and supporting materials for members and decision-makers
- Maintain working knowledge of on-the-ground implementation of WA Forest Practices rules and related requirements
- Manage technical consultant contracts and oversee development of work products
- Build and maintain constructive relationships with member companies, agencies, and stakeholder workgroups

Required Qualifications

- B.S. in Forest Management or closely related field
- 5+ years of field-based experience in forest management, silviculture, harvest operations or closely related field
- Strong understanding of Forest Practices implementation and practical operational constraints
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex technical topics clearly to policy audiences
- Strong project management skills, sound judgment, and ability to work independently and coordinate with teams
- Sound interpersonal skills, ability to positively support member interests and promote sustainable forestry in multi-stakeholder forums

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with collaborative stakeholder processes and applied policy development
- GIS/data analysis skills and experience supporting technical decision-making
- Specialized experience with forest operations planning, inventory, or valuation