FIRE MITIGATION SPECIALIST
Meade County

General Statement of Duties
Under the supervision of the Commission Assistant/Human Resources Office, is responsible for the marking, thinning, and removal of trees from private land owner’s property who are participating in the Meade County Firewise Program.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities
1. Identify trees to be thinned for Firewise mitigation efforts.
2. Fall trees with hand-held power chain saws or mobile felling machines.
3. Prune low-hanging limbs to reduce ladder fuels.
4. Remove trees and brush.
5. Data collection with GPS as assigned.
6. Maintain accurate records.
7. Keep a positive and motivated attitude towards self-improvement to develop skills, resolve personal issues, and search for permanent employment to graduate from the Program.
8. Continued training and skill development, including but not limited to fire mitigation and tree falling.
9. Perform additional duties as required, performing all duties in a manner consistent with safe practices and policies.

Minimum Qualifications
The minimum qualifications described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Experience and Education:
1. High School Diploma or G.E.D. Certification.
2. A Veteran as defined under SDCL 33A-2-1.
3. A valid Form DD214 that does not indicate a dishonorable discharge.
4. Ability to work independently.
5. Physical strength and stamina sufficient to perform maintenance, and work extended hours as necessary.
6. Ability to demonstrate good communication and organizational skills and ability to work well with others and maintain a professional relationship with the general public and other employees.

Physical Demands:
1. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear and use hands to finger, handle or feel.
2. The employee frequently is required to stand, walk, and reach with hands and arms.
3. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance.
4. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds.
5. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.
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Work Environment:
1. The noise level in the work environment is moderate to extreme.
2. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently exposed to moving mechanical parts.
3. The employee is frequently exposed to fumes or airborne particles and toxic or caustic chemicals.
4. The employee is frequently exposed to outside weather conditions.

Examination, Testing, and Certification:
1. Valid South Dakota Drivers License.
2. Successful competition in written and/or oral interviews.
3. Other such examination as deemed appropriate and necessary by the County.

Nothing in this job description restricts management’s right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.