Job Title: Research Fellow for the National Woodland Owner Survey and Family Forest Research Center

Position Description: The Fellow will work collaboratively with Dr. Brett Butler and Paul Catanzaro and other members of the Family Forest Research Center (FFRC). The FFRC is a joint partnership between the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station, dedicated to increasing our understanding of family forest owners (www.familyforestresearchcenter.org).

The FFRC hopes to add a research fellow to our team who works well with others, is motivated, and who is personable. The Research Fellow will be involved in a number of projects that examine the attitudes and behaviors of family forest owners and how they influence outcomes on the landscape, but s/he will primarily focus on the National Woodland Owner Survey. Specific responsibilities are flexible, dependent upon the interests and skills of the new team member.

Duties:

- Employee will assist in implementation of the National Woodland Owner survey, which includes project organization, data management and undergraduate employee supervision
- Assist in database management
- Assist in proposal writing
- Assist in budget management
- Prepare manuscripts for publication in scientific journals
- Provide support on various other FFRC projects, as needed

Qualifications:

- M.S. in a scientific discipline (social science, forestry, environmental science, human dimensions, or related field preferred) OR equivalent experience
- Ability to supervise a team of undergraduate employees
- Experience with data management and analysis
- Experience writing peer-reviewed journal articles, formal reports, and/or proposals
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Experience in using ArcGIS, a statistical/data management program (i.e., R, SAS, Stata), Microsoft Office Suite
- Statistical analysis experience preferred (ideally modeling and estimation)
- Database familiarity preferred (i.e., SQL language, Access, Oracle)
- Experience with surveys or family forest owners preferred

Salary: The FFRC offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Compensation is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application: To apply, please submit a cover letter, CV/resume, and a list of three references to info@familyforestresearchcenter.org. The position close date is October 15, 2018. Tentative start date is January 1, 2019 but is negotiable.

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