JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Nursery Manager
Native Forest Nursery
11306 Highway 411 South
Chatsworth, GA 30705

NATIVE FOREST NURSERY (located 11 miles south of Chatsworth, Georgia on Highway 411) is dedicated to growing quality bareroot seedlings for reforestation, reclamation, wildlife and retail nursery purposes.

Position Overview - Under the supervision of the Nursery Manager, this person is expected to see to all aspects of the Native Forest Nursery and Orchard operations.

Education and Qualifications A BS degree from an accredited College or in Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing or a closely related field. Two or more years of nursery experience, marketing, or a similarly related Masters Degree in said fields would be considered advantageous.

This employee will be expected to:

• Maintain records and databases involving seed handling, sowing, cultural activities, seedling sales, harvesting, delivery and equipment maintenance.

• Be proficient in the proper storage and use of pesticides. This includes maintaining a current Pesticide Applicator’s Card from the State of Georgia.

• Be proficient in recognizing and treating plant pest and diseases common in seedling operations. This includes weed and pest control.
• Implement practices to ensure correct pre-germination and germination treatment of seed.

• Apply irrigation in timely and appropriate manners.

• Implement weed sanitation on the nursery proper.

• Interact with customers regarding seedlings needs, scheduling, delivery, etc.

• Assist in the hiring, training, and supervising of nursery personnel.

• Oversee the cultivation of nursery plants.

• Be proficient in computer usage and application but especially in Word and Excel (or Access).

• Work flexible hours, especially during the sowing and lifting season (Oct – April).

• To work a six month probationary period during and at the end of which evaluations will be made as to permanent employment of said employee.

• Supervise full and part time employees. This includes, but is not limited to giving clear instructions, quality control, and providing leadership. This also includes safety training and ensuring that safe procedures are followed.

• **SPECIAL MENTION:** Marketing of the nursery stock is a major requirement of this position. The assistant manager will be expected to actively seek and maintain clients who can and will purchase the nursery’s production.

Some overnight travel (10 to 15 nights per year) should be expected.
COMPENSATION PACKAGE

$40,000 to $50,000 per year (plus benefits). Candidates with several years of bareroot seedling nursery experience can negotiate for higher compensation.

Although not a condition of employment, the Native Forest Nursery has a nice residence (Brick, two story, fireplace, central H & A, 2,300 sq ft living space plus full basement and two car garage, 4BR, 2.5 Bath) which would be made available to the person taking this position as long as they are employed by Native Forest Nursery. The employee would be expected to maintain the lawn and landscaping of the house proper, pay utilities and make minor repairs in the house. No rental or major house repairs would be expected from the employee. The employee would be expected to have and show proof of Renter’s Insurance in an amount equal to the value of his property in the house and will be expected to enter into an agreement that outlines his responsibility in maintaining the aesthetics of the house and house proper. Examples of minor repairs would include painting walls and repairing leaky faucets. Examples of major repairs would involve roof, brick and foundation, plumbing, hot water heater, heat pumps, etc.

Those interested should send a resume to or otherwise contact:

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Native Forest Nursery anticipates filling this position by July 20, 2014.