

MATTHEW SIMPSON, CF
Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010 - Present* **Operations Manger Lake City Branch**
Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc., Lake City, Florida
- Oversees operation of the Lake City branch office, supervision of (7) employees, and participates in all professional services provided by NRPS.
- 2003 - 2010* **Operations Manger**
Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc., Gainesville, Florida
- Oversees the day-to-day operations of the Gainesville office including supervision of employees, employee task assignments, bidding and scheduling projects. Specializes in the design and implementation of silvicultural prescriptions for private and public timber tracts including, chemical and mechanical site preparation, reforestation, timber release treatments, thinning, and harvesting timber. Participates in all professional service activities offered by the firm including timber inventories, appraisals, stand projection and financial analysis, timber sales, pine straw sales, design and implementation of forest management plans, and all aspects of forest management.
- 2000 - 2003* **Senior Forester**
Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc., Gainesville, Florida
- Primary responsibility involves perpetual management of forest resources on 38,000 acres of timberland investment property located throughout north central Florida and southeast Georgia.
- 1996 - 2000* **Columbia County Forester**
Florida Division of Forestry, Lake City, Florida
- Provided forestry technical assistance to private non-industrial forest landowners in Columbia County, Florida. Also assisted and established projects with Suwannee River Water Management District, City of Lake City, various federal agencies, U.S. Forest Service, and area timber companies. Duties included the production of forest management plans, stewardship plans, planting prescriptions, and TSI plans. Responsible for handling all forestry-related federal cost sharing

programs; FIP, CRP, SIP, EQIP. Coordinating activities with timber and straw harvesters, mechanical and chemical site prep contractors, and tree planting contractors. Insect and disease identification and control, best management practices, water quality issues, fire control, prescribed burning. Educational programs: Envirothon, FFA Field Days Contests, FFA Forestry Camp, Tree House Program.

1996

Inventory Forester

W.M. Beaty & Associates, Inc.; Redding California

Forest inventory and stand examination in Sierra Nevada mountain range with private forestry consulting firm. Obtained extensive experience in variable plot sampling and inventory analysis.

EDUCATION

1995

Bachelor of Science, Forest Resource Management
West Virginia University; Morgantown, WV

LICENCES & CERTIFICATES

Certified Forester, Society of American Foresters
Licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate
Registered Forester, State of Georgia
Certified Burn Manager, State of Georgia

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Society of American Foresters member
Florida Forestry Association