

Career Outlook 2019: Wilderness Management and Outdoor Recreation Planning

Wilderness Management Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Wilderness Management and Outdoor Recreation Planning, (B.A.S.) **For students transferring to Bemidji State University with a Wilderness Management A.S. from Vermilion Community College**

Department Website: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/geography>

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:

The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that conservation scientists and foresters held about 34,600 jobs in 2016. Conservation scientist jobs are heavily concentrated in government. The higher level and administration positions often require a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation or a similar field. Most of the individuals employed in either forestry or recreation planning are employed by federal, state or local government.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for foresters is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between \$33,740 and \$97,490 per year. The median pay for 2017 was \$61,480 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNING

GRADUATES:

Since this is a **continuation of the Wilderness Management A.S. degree from Vermilion Community College**, there are a very small number of graduates from this program. There were no graduates for the 2016-2017 year. Of the one graduate from Bemidji State University in 2015-2016, they reported unrelated employment and not seeking related employment.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT GRADUATES*:

(This list includes employment within one year of graduation for the years 2013 through 2016.)

Coleman National Fish Hatchery	Biological Science Technician	Red Bluff, CA
Deep Portage Conservation Center	Renewable Resources Tec	Hackensack, MN
North American Bear Center	Bear Educator	Ely, MN
Ottertail County	Watercraft Inspector	Fergus Falls, MN
Soil and Water Conservation District	Conservation Technician	Willmar, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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