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Ashley Wheelwright
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Re: Assistant Forester Position

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Dear Ashley Wheelwright:

As a soon-to-be graduate of the UBC Faculty of Forestry seeking to combine my knowledge of forest ecology with a data-driven approach to responsible and sustainable management, I was very happy to see your posting for an assistant forester position. In the autumn of 2017, I spoke with Jane Fong about her experience working for Gilbert Smith Forestry Products and her enthusiasm for her time at the company left me eager to explore opportunities for new grads within your organization. When this position was posted, Ms. Fong kindly forwarded it to me as she believes my forestry knowledge, prior experience, and keen desire to learn make me a good fit for this position.

My studies at UBC majoring in Forest Resources Management have provided me with knowledge spanning science, society, and technology. I have the solid understanding of science and ecology which is essential to a successful career in forestry, as well as awareness of the responsibilities a professional forester has to the community. I have been exposed to the use of GIS and GENUS RMT and am committed to growing my knowledge of these technologies through independent learning and self-study. During my studies, I've had the chance to participate in a number of hands-on projects, including a silviculture data project and a forest level measurement and productivity project. Both of these projects helped me to understand the challenges and rewards of working in forestry. In particular, the Silviculture Data Project showed me that I have an aptitude for understanding large and complex data sets; I was invited back to class the following academic year to speak to students embarking on their own projects about the strategies I had found useful.

Outside of my studies, I have also completed two internships. My experience at the Canada Food Inspection Agency allowed me to gain exposure to government, policy, and how research and close study needs to be used to inform decisions that protect both citizens and natural resources. The ability I gained to translate complex information into clear and concise reports, and the way in which my attention to detail was strengthened during this internship make me confident that the project management components of the forester position will be areas in which I can excel. My prior internship at BC Timber Sales offered a more traditional introduction to forestry work, in which I displayed a high degree of versatility and the ability to rapidly learn a wide range of different tasks, often with minimal supervision.

Working at Gilbert Smith Forestry Products would be an excellent chance for me to contribute the knowledge and skills I already possess while continuing to grow and learn as a forestry professional. I look forward to a chance to discuss this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Keith Konservation