

Job Placement Data from Senior Exit Interviews – SIU Forestry

We assess student job/career placement as part of our senior exit interviews prior to graduation and also in a survey of recent alumni that graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry over the past 5 years.

In exit interviews held in mid to late April, soon-to-graduate students are asked if they already have job offers and whether jobs are forestry or natural resources related and where they will be located. Since this is a part of senior seminar, some of the students (about half) graduate in August or December and thus not expect them to have a job lined up as of yet.

For example, in April of 2018, of the 17 May grads:

- 14 had at least one job offer related to forestry or natural resources. Agencies or companies include: Federal or State (US Forest Service, USDI National Park Service, Indiana State Parks) Private Industry/Business (Resource Environmental Solutions, Davey Tree Experts, Kramer Tree Specialists, Ryan Lawn and Tree), Self-employed as Consulting Forester. Locations included Illinois, Colorado, Missouri, Indiana Pennsylvania, Maine, Wyoming
- 1 employed outside of Forestry or natural resources but looking professionally (Montana)
- 1 in National Guard to serve duty for one more year
- 1 looking

For the exit interviewees that subsequently graduated in August and December, we followed up on their employment status through faculty and staff contacts and social media.

Of the 49 graduates in 2017:

- 38 have jobs Forestry or natural resource related jobs: Agencies or companies include: Federal or State (US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corp of Engineers, USDI National Park Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Florida Forest Service, Washington State DNR, Tri-City Regional Park District) NGOs (The Nature Conservancy/Illinois Department of Natural Resources) Private Industry/Business (Sierra Forest Products, Resource Environmental Solutions, Davey Tree Experts, Focal Point Solutions, Consulting Forester Family Forestry Business, Peabody Energy, Drury Outdoors) Locations include Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, Wyoming
- 4 in Graduate School (SIU)
- 1 in Peace Corps
- 6 unknown

Of the 42 graduates in 2016:

- 22 have jobs Forestry or natural resource related jobs. Agencies or companies include: Federal or State (US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corp of Engineers, USDI National Park Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management, Florida Forest Service, Indiana DNR) Private Industry/Business (Resource Environmental Solutions, Davey Tree Experts, East Perry Lumber Co., Wetland Services Inc., Chris Burke Engineering, Ryan Lawn and Tree) Locations: California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, Wyoming
- 7 in Graduate School (including SIU (2), Univ. of Missouri (3), Boston University (1), and Austin Peay (1))
- 1 in military, 8 year commitment
- 12 unknown