



As a nursery manager,
I am responsible for the
nursery's program of work
overseeing the production of
conifer seedlings for reforestation
of lands managed by the
Forest Service.

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What advice do you have for students interested in your job?

My advice is if you love working with plants and the challenge of producing seedlings for reforestation and restoration, this is the career path to follow. Knowing that you have an impact and are contributing to reforestation efforts is very rewarding.

What is an example of a question you have tried to answer in your job? In my job, there are several questions dealing with business operations of the nursery. One question I always ask is, "How can we be more efficient when producing high-quality seed for our clients?"

What is an example of technology or equipment that you use in your work? In my current position, the technology I use is mostly computers and computer programs. All of our tree cold storage rooms and our seed bank freezers operate with computer software. All of our business data are stored in a database system that we rely on to run our nursery.

What has been your most exciting project? I think the most exciting discovery for me has been that there are careers like mine available to pursue. It has allowed me to participate in a field that is of great interest to me.

When did you know this career would be a good fit for you? In 1987, I came to the Coeur d'Alene Nursery to visit with the nursery manager and staff to discuss the development of seed orchards for the production of conifer seed for reforestation. That visit and the relationships I made with the staff made me pursue my nursery career.

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