Utility Forester Intern ArborMetrics

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Background

- I worked for a company called ArborMetrics this summer.
- I was based in primarily eastern Kentucky; however, the company has projects across the entire U.S and in Canada.
- This was a travel project, so the company put us in hotels for the summer.
- ArborMetrics mission: To improve the effectiveness of vegetation management through safe, efficient planning, scheduling and reporting services.
- I got this internship through Dr. Karns who posted it on carmen.

On The Job

Daily
- Assessing primary powerlines for herbicide management.
- Notifying private landowners about herbicide treatment and answering questions.
- Marking on a map where to treat and where not to treat.
- Flagging off areas that should not be treated.

Accomplishments
- Over 1000 miles of powerlines assessed between the three interns.
- Over 2000 landowners notified.

Reflection

- After learning more about Utility Forestry it is a career, I am possibly interested in.
- I plan on using my experience gained talking to landowners to do habitat management plans along the right of ways.
- My new knowledge of herbicides will also help with this path.

Is This Right For You?

- Must be comfortable talking to people and knocking on doors.
- Must be capable of driving off road on steep elevation.
- Be willing to work 60+ hours a week.
- Be okay being alone all day with no supervision.

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