

Placement of School of Forestry Undergraduates

The NAU School of Forestry conducts periodic surveys of alumni who have completed their B.S.F. degree, both to determine their employment status and to seek feedback on our program. These surveys are typically sent to alumni who have graduated in the last five years. Our most recent graduate employment survey was conducted in late 2012 and early 2013. 83% of the respondents to the 2012/2013 survey reported that they were employed in forestry or a forestry-related field or were currently in graduate school (Figure 1a). 52% of the respondents were employed in permanent positions, 20% were employed in temporary positions in forestry or a related field, and another 14% were enrolled in graduate school (Figure 1b).

Most of our graduates are employed by a federal land management agency such as the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or National Park Service. A lesser number are working for a state agency (e.g., the Arizona State Forestry Division, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Texas Forest Service and Washington State Department of Natural Resources), a nongovernmental organization (e.g., the Nature Conservancy) or in the private sector. Utilizing our faculty's personal knowledge of recent graduates, it is known that at least 33 additional alumni who did not respond to the survey are currently employed in forestry or a forestry-related field and an additional 8 alumni are currently pursuing graduate studies in forestry.

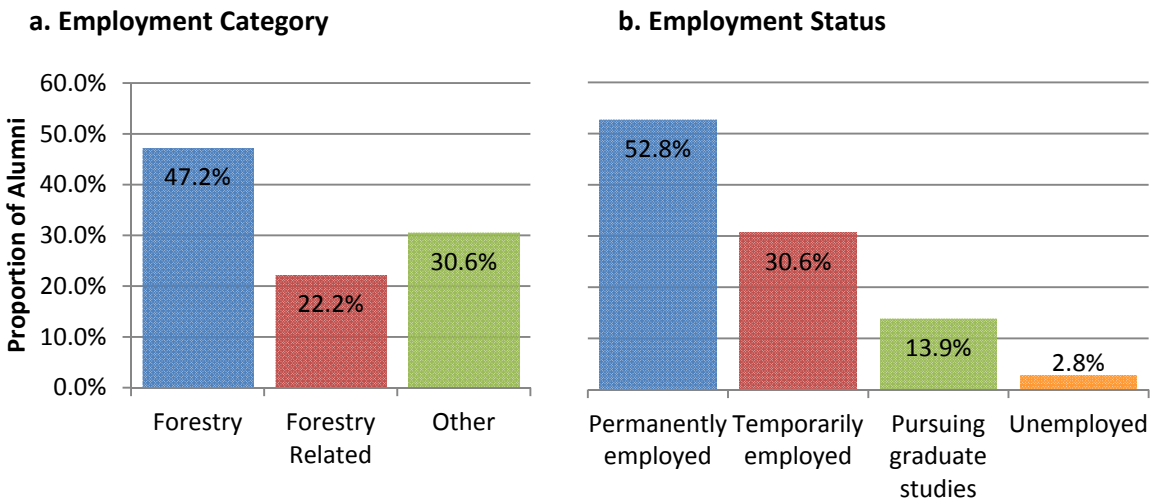


Figure 1. Proportion of recent BSF graduates (n=36) by employer category and employment status based on survey responses.