The Head of the Department provides vision and direction to the Department, leading faculty across a wide diversity of disciplines to excellent teaching, research, engagement, and scholarship. The Department Head is responsible for faculty and staff development and review, developing and managing academic curricula, fiscal management, fundraising, alumni relations, research administration, and administering extension and outreach.

The Department Head must:
1. Clearly articulate a vision for the Department that is aligned with the strategic plan of the College of Natural Resources and collaborate broadly across the College and University to achieve that vision.
2. Create an environment of integrity and support that stimulates faculty, staff, and students to work at their highest performance levels.
3. Promote the Department regionally, nationally, and internationally.
4. Demonstrate commitment to recruiting, mentoring, promoting and retaining a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students.

The Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources has more than 60 tenure and non-tenure track faculty and extension specialists, and more than 35 staff. These faculty and staff have a wide variety of expertise including conservation and restoration ecology, economics, environmental technology, forest biotechnology and genetics, forest management, international forestry, geographic information sciences, natural resources management, natural resources policy and administration, and wildlife and conservation biology. The Department offers undergraduate and graduate degrees through the Ph.D., and currently enrolls 485 undergraduate and 145 graduate students. Active research and extension programs generate more than $6.25 million annually in extramural funds for fundamental and applied research, extension and outreach activities, and three forest industry research cooperatives.

Other Work/Responsibilities:
1. Communicate regularly with a wide variety of constituent groups such as alumni, businesses and industry, government agencies, and non-government organizations.
2. Develop partnerships that foster the priorities of the Department, College, and University.
3. Lead fundraising activities that are consistent with the priorities of the College and University.