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Zone Wildlife Biologist

GS-0486-11

Kaibab National Forest

Duty Station: Williams, AZ

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY... and working with a dynamic group of people, the Kaibab National Forest in north-central Arizona is looking for a Wildlife Biologist on the South Zone of the Forest. Duty station will be located in Williams, AZ and the position is supervised by the Williams District Ranger.

The Wildlife Biologist for the South Zone (Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts) has the responsibility for providing leadership, coordination, facilitation and coaching for the zone wildlife program. Maintaining and improving relationships with Arizona Game and Fish and Fish & Wildlife Service are also key elements for this position. You will also supervise a GS-9 Wildlife Biologist.

This is an exciting time to be on the Kaibab as we are one of the four Northern Arizona National Forests involved with a national initiative known as the 4 Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). This project is a collaborative effort, with many stakeholders, that is looking at treating 2.4 million acres across the four forests and restoring fire in our fire adapted ecosystems. The first project area will occur on the South Zone of the Kaibab as well as a portion of the Coconino National Forest. The person selected as the Zone Biologist will be a key player with this project as well as with the vegetation management, fuels, range and recreation programs for the Zone! And, to keep things interesting for you, the lands and minerals program most recently has had challenges with land exchange parcels, expired special use permits and exploratory drilling for uranium that will require wildlife biology input.

This position is advertised as an Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) and can be found as announcement number: **PERM-OCR-0486-57911-WBIO-G&DP**. This position will be filled at the GS-11 level. The web address for USA jobs is:

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

It can also be found on the AVUE applicant web site, which is:

[https:// www.avuecentral.com](https://www.avuecentral.com)

A request for a referral list will be made on or about July 6, 2010.

KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST ... is one of the six National Forests in Arizona, covers roughly 1.6 million acres, and is located immediately adjacent to both the north and south rims of Grand Canyon National Park. The Forest is composed of three Ranger Districts, and is headquartered in Williams, Arizona. We have approximately 140 permanent and 80 temporary employees.

On the south end of the forest, the Williams Ranger District is adjacent to the Coconino and Prescott National Forests, and to the Navajo Army Depot (Arizona National Guard). Square in the middle, Tusayan Ranger District is bordered by the Havasupai Reservation to the west, Grand Canyon National Park immediately north, and the Navajo Reservation to the east. Just north of the forest boundary on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management public lands are managed by the Arizona Strip Field Office.

Major resource programs on the Forest include fire and fuel management, recreation, range, timber and other vegetation management, wildlife and common variety mineral (sandstone) production. The Grand Canyon Game Preserve on the Kaibab Plateau was created by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1906, and still has a key focus in the management of the Kaibab deer herd. There are four Wilderness areas, and the Arizona Trail passes through two ranger districts as it crosses the state.

Elevations on the Forest range from about 5,000 feet to over 10,000 feet. Vegetation varies from near desert-like conditions at the lower canyon elevations to pinyon-juniper woodlands, to the ponderosa pine belt, and up to the mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce and aspen in the cooler upper elevations. Wildlife is abundant, with elk, mule deer, antelope, turkey, and coyote being the most common larger species.

The Forest lies in a relatively mild climate zone, with summer temperatures averaging from lows of 50°F at night to highs of 85°F during the day. Winter temperatures average from 20°F to 45°F, with snow being common but generally not staying long. The cool and rainy monsoon season in July and August brings relief from the summer heat via brief and sometimes violent thunderstorms across the Forest. Annual precipitation in the Williams area averages about 22 inches, with an average total snowfall of 70 inches.

The south end of the forest lies within a 3-hour drive of the metropolitan Phoenix area (current population 3.5 million), and all of the 4-5 million annual visitors to Grand Canyon National Park pass through the forest enroute to that destination. Almost all of the forest lies within Coconino County, the third-largest county in the United States, with the county seat located in Flagstaff, AZ.

For more information on the Kaibab National Forest, please visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai

Williams Ranger District is the southern district on the forest, and is about 600,000 acres in size. Located just above the Mogollon Rim, the District is a mix of ponderosa pine forest, pinyon-juniper woodlands, and grasslands. Nearly all resource programs and management activities are shared in a zone with the Tusayan Ranger District, with both District Rangers splitting supervision of zone staff and sharing responsibility for coordinating and directing management of the zone. Approximately 50 permanent employees are stationed at the district, with an additional 40 temporary employees added during the field season.

The Williams Ranger District offers a variety of trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and in the winter, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. A small, family-oriented downhill ski area operates under special use permit on Bill Williams Mountain. Seven lakes and four developed campgrounds are located on the district, and there are a great many areas suitable for dispersed camping. Other popular outdoor activities include hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing.

Tusayan Ranger District... is immediately adjacent to the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The District covers approximately 300,000 acres and vegetation types vary from sagebrush-grasslands and pinyon-juniper forests in the lower elevations to ponderosa pine stands in the higher country. The Kaibab began managing wildland fires to meet resource objectives in 2003 with Tusayan Ranger District providing the bulk of opportunities. The primary objective of our work is healthy forest restoration. The District also has active and challenging minerals and range programs with approximately 2400 claims and 3 large allotments. Other government agencies in the immediate area include the National Park Service, and the Navajo, Hopi, Hualapai and Havasupai Tribes.

Recreation opportunities include the various scenic and hiking trails at the Grand Canyon, as well as many hunting opportunities for both small and large game such as deer, trophy elk, turkey, squirrel and many others. Fishing opportunities in the immediate area of Flagstaff and Williams are provided by small lakes stocked annually with trout and some other species. However, within a 2 - 4 hour drive of the District you can find trophy trout fishing, bass fishing and all fresh water species at Lake Powell, Roosevelt Lake, and other lakes in the Phoenix area. Other recreational activities include mountain biking, downhill and cross-country skiing, camping, wildlife viewing,

hiking and backpacking. Winters can be cold and snowy in northern Arizona, providing opportunities for winter sports.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION... ~~The City of Williams~~ was founded in 1882 and named for mountain man Bill Williams, who explored, trapped and guided hunting parties through the area in the early 1800's. Located 30 miles west of Flagstaff on Interstate 40, Williams is a full service community with a population of about 3,000 people. The community lies in the valleys and meadows at the base of Bill Williams Mountain, surrounded by the Kaibab National Forest. The City of Williams bills itself as "Gateway to the Grand Canyon." The climate is mild, but offers four (or more) distinct seasons. At an elevation of 6770 feet, up above the Mogollon Rim, Williams escapes the brutal summer heat more commonly associated with the Arizona desert to the south, and is a popular weekend and vacation destination for many Arizona desert residents (as well as those from many other states and countries) during the summer months.

Because Historic Route 66 runs through town, and the Grand Canyon Railway runs daily passenger excursion trips from Williams to the Grand Canyon for visitors, there are numerous restaurants, motels and hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, gift shops and gas stations. During the summer months, there are all kinds of activities and special events happening in Williams, including parades, a mountain man rendezvous, shooting events, motorcycle rally, rodeos, and antique car shows. The Kaibab National Forest partners with the City of Williams, Grand Canyon and the Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce to operate the Williams-Kaibab National Forest Visitor Center inside the restored Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Station in downtown Williams, and served more than 100,000 visitors during 2007.

Williams has many churches, schools are k-12, and Coconino Community College has a satellite campus here. There is a medical clinic, complete with ambulance service, and a dental clinic. A regional medical center/hospital and other medical facilities are located about ½ hour away in Flagstaff. There is an 18-hole golf course, small parks and rodeo grounds in town. For large city shopping and other amenities, Phoenix is about 200 miles and 3 hours away via interstate freeway. Active community service clubs include Rotary International, Kiwanis and Lions, and there are many local volunteer organizations serving a wide variety of community needs.

Costs for and quality of single-family houses in and around Williams vary widely, but a reasonable range would be \$250-400,000 for newer 3BR homes. Rental housing is scarce. Housing and other development in Northern Arizona is generally limited by lack of available water and limited private land. Government housing is not available.

For more information on Williams visit the Williams Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce <http://www.williamschamber.com>

CONTACTS... For additional information about this opportunity, please call Williams District Ranger Martie Schramm at (928) 635-5630 or Tusayan District Ranger Angela Parker at (928) 635-8230.