

Outreach

Forester (Silviculture) GS-0460-05/07/09 Kaibab National Forest North Kaibab Ranger District Fredonia, AZ

The Position

This position is an opportunity for foresters to work in the silviculture program on the North Kaibab. Incumbent will assist the District Silviculturist on a variety of vegetation and timber management projects.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Timber stand improvement and reforestation duties
- Collecting compartment, stand prescription, or presale information data
- Assisting in the administration or supervision of reforestation, site preparation, herbicide and/or timber stand improvement contracts
- Preparing silviculture prescriptions that treat and/or help prevent insect and disease problems, for TSI purposes, and for Rx burning purposes
- GIS and database management for the silviculture shop
- Spatial analysis and cartography for silviculture projects
- Conducting cruises of timber stands and performing related timber sale preparation
- Participation on dispersed and developed recreation, oil, gas, special uses, and lands projects

We anticipate that the position will be posted on the USAjobs (www.usajobs.com) and Avue (www.avuecentral.com) web sites no earlier than October 25, 2010.

The Forest

The Kaibab National Forest is part of the largest contiguous ponderosa pine forest in North America. The forest consists of three districts totaling 1.6 million acres that border both the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon. Wildlife is abundant and includes elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, turkey, coyote, black bear and mountain lion. Spanning from north-central Arizona to the Utah border, the Kaibab National Forest offers breathtaking views, unusual geologic formations, diverse recreation and more.

Vegetation varies by elevation. The lowest point on the forest is 5,500 feet in the southwest corner and the highest is 10,418 feet at the summit of Kendrick Peak. Near desert-like conditions exist at the lower canyon elevations, changing to pinyon-juniper woodlands, the ponderosa pine belt and mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce and aspen as the elevation rises.

The District

The North Kaibab Ranger District program areas include forest and rangeland vegetation management, fire/fuels, wildlife, recreation, wilderness and heritage resource management.

The district's fire/fuels management program includes wildland fire use and management-ignited fire (treating 5,000 to 10,000 acres annually). There is limited but significant wildland-urban interface on the Kaibab Plateau along the major travel routes to Grand Canyon National Park. Fire season generally occurs from mid-May through early to mid-July, with most fires caused by lightning.

The district is home to the largest number of northern goshawks in the lower 48 states, a bison herd, California condors, the Kaibab squirrel and a renowned mule deer population, among other wildlife. Key recreation areas on the district include the Saddle Mountain and Kanab Creek Wildernesses, the 18-mile Rainbow Rim Trail along the edge of the Grand Canyon, and the Great Western and Arizona Trails.

The district has an unusually high number of archaeological sites, pictographs and petroglyphs from a human presence around the Kaibab Plateau dating back at least 10,000 years. Given the close proximity of many indigenous populations, the heritage program is constantly engaged in locating, protecting and studying the historical resources of the area. The plateau is also rich in a more recent history of occupation by Mormon settlers and the creation of the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve by Teddy Roosevelt.

The Local Area

The area is rural in character with full-service communities nearby. The North Kaibab Ranger Station is located in Fredonia, Arizona. Fredonia's population is approximately 1,100, with K-12 schools, a post office, churches, several small motels, and gas stations.

Kanab, Utah, seven miles north of Fredonia, has approximately 3,500 residents. It offers K-12 schools, a post office, two grocery stores, several motels and restaurants, a nine-hole golf course,

a movie theatre, a playhouse, a hospital, a number of churches, miscellaneous retail stores, and a community chorus and orchestra.

Larger communities such as Page, Arizona (90 miles east) and St. George, Utah (80 miles west) offer additional shopping, larger medical facilities, malls and commercial airports for smaller aircraft.

Federal land management agencies and Native American tribes play a prominent role in the area. The district is bordered by Grand Canyon National Park to the south, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (BLM) to the east, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (BLM) and Zion National Park to the north, and the Arizona Strip (BLM) to the west. The Kaibab Band of Paiutes reservation is located just west of Fredonia.

Climate depends on elevation. Summers are generally sunny and hot, ranging from average highs of 90 to 100 degrees in Fredonia, Kanab and the lower red rock elevations, to a delightful 70 to 80 degrees in the higher elevations of the forest.

The southwestern monsoon season delivers summer thunderstorms and rain from early July through early September. Winters are mild at the lower elevations (4700 feet) in our communities, with highs in the 30s and 40s, and lows in the teens and 20s. Higher elevations on the forest often see four or more feet of snow.

Government housing is not available. Rental houses and apartments are available in Fredonia and Kanab, but can be difficult to find during spring and summer months, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000/month.

For More Information

Please feel free to contact Garry Domis (District Silviculturist) at 928-643-8140 or gdomis@fs.fed.us

Kaibab National Forest Outreach Response Form

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