Job Details:

Title: Engineering Equipment Operator - **OCRT-5716-8-OPTR-DT** **Hourly Wage: $ 22.32**

Series: WG- 5716 **Respond By Date:** 3/30/2010

Grade: WG-8 competitive through AVUE. See section below "To Apply".

Duties: **The WG-8 (May fill up to 2 position) incumbent is responsible for the following:**
This position involves the operation of gasoline and/or diesel powered engineering & construction equipment with wheeled or crawler type traction.
Jobs will include the operation of the following types of equipment:

- Backhoes
- tractors with bulldozer or angle-dozer blades
- front-end loaders
- excavators
- graders
- dump trucks
- compactors
- chain saws
- jack hammer
- hand tools such as shovels, tamping bars and post pounders as representative examples
- Equipment is used to perform such functions such as:
- cutting, digging, moving, grading and rolling earth, sand stone and other materials
- maintain, upgrade and/or repair forest roads, ca mpgrounds, trailheads and other facilities near or on Ntl. Forest lands
- assist in miscellaneous projects for Recreation, Fisheries, Hydrology, Silviculture, Fire and Special Uses

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:
Incumbent must be a ble to operate equipm ent and work in a v ariety of te rrain and environments safely and with minimal supervision. Additional Details follow:

Skill and Knowledge: The operator is required to know the uses of the different sets of equipment controls or operation of the equipment and attachments and be skilled in handling the equipment to perform the work. The different equipment controls are handled at the same time, requiring good hand, foot, and eye coordination. The operators are required to have a basic knowledge of the nature of the soil and features of the terrain to determine the proper approach according to the condition of the surface and subsurface. The operator must be able to move the equipment about in confined areas. The operator must be functional in the basic use of a personal computer, including e-mail and internet access. The operator will be expected to maintain certification in First Aid and CPR. Training sessions and refresher classes will be available.
Responsibilities: The operator will be required to follow oral instructions or written work orders concerning the location of the job and the work to be done. The work is performed largely without direct supervision. The operator should be able to assess the work site, understand what operations must be done to begin, be able to plan and organize the work operations in an efficient manner, execute, and complete the job. It is expected that this position will operate the equipment in a safe manner according to safety rules and regulations and use the equipment properly so that it is not damaged. They must remain constantly alert and operate the equipment carefully, especially when close to other persons, buildings, etc., to prevent injury to others and damage to the equipment. Preventing and avoiding accidents is a critical requirement of the position. The operator is responsible for the safe operating condition of the equipment and to either make minor repairs or bring them promptly to the supervisor's attention.

Physical Effort: Heavy physical effort is used by the operators in constantly reaching, bending, turning, and moving hands, arms, feet, and legs to handle different sets of controls to operate the equipment and attachments. Considerable strain is caused by the constant vibration of the equipment and the jerking and jolting from operating over rough surfaces. Because of the location of some of the controls and attachments, the operators are frequently required to work in awkward or strained positions. The work also sometimes entails walking on rough ground, lifting, using hand tools, spreading seed and fertilizer, setting sign posts, and other miscellaneous duties related to various forest wide repair and construction projects.

Working Conditions: Work is performed in all types of weather, possibly in an open driver's seat or platform, on hills, slopes, grades, rolling surfaces, and forested areas. The operators are exposed to injury due to the possibility of the equipment overturning. They are subject to noise, vibration, dust, dirt, and fumes from the motor and exhaust.
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The work setting is outdoors in the National Forest in the Lake Tahoe Basin, in the Northern California and Nevada. Working conditions can involve driving, operating equipment, and being out in snow, ice, rain, mud, dust, cold, and heat, with or without wind.

Must possess a valid state driver's license. **Must possess a valid Commercial Driver's License, Class A or Class B, and be able to take and pass the drug test immediately upon being hired**. Tanker endorsement is a plus but not required. Any skills in welding and metal fabrication or vehicle maintenance are a plus.

Please indicate in applications materials if you have a Forest Service certification as a sawyer.

Job Location:

Forest: Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit

District: Not Applicable

Location Other: **The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** is organized and administered as a national forest, but without ranger districts. Located at 35 College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, California.

The primary mission of the LTBMU is to restore and preserve the legendary clarity of Lake Tahoe (one of the world's deepest mountain lakes, at an average depth of more than 1,000 feet!), while providing year-round recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands for millions of visitors annually.

The LTBMU is located in the Sierra-Nevada Mountain Range, at 6,225 feet above sea level. The Lake Tahoe Basin is comfortable in the summer, with daytime temperatures averaging 80 degrees Fahrenheit and evenings turning cool and crisp. Afternoon thunderstorms are common in the summer, though their durations are usually on the order of only minutes to a few hours and do nothing to dampen the spirits of boaters, hikers, mountain-bikers, and picnickers. During the autumn, the brilliant yellow color of aspen leaves provides a wonderful contrast to the deep green color of the pines. Winters are cold, but below-zero temperatures at night are rare. Winter snowfall averages about 6-feet to 10-feet per year adjacent to the lake and over 30 feet per year on the spectacular mountain peaks that bound the Basin. Exceptional alpine and downhill skiing, snowboarding, telemarking and Nordic/cross-country skiing are enjoyed from November through April. The sun shines on the Basin more than 330 days every year.

City/State/Zip: South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Location: See Location Other

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- Click on **SEARCH JOBS**.
- At top of screen, in gray lettering, click on **ADVANCED SEARCH**.
- At the top of the next screen, in **Keyword Search** window, enter the vacancy announcement number of the job you wish to apply for. **OCRT-5716-8-OPTR-DT**
- You do not need to fill in any other sections; just go to the bottom of page and click **SEARCH FOR JOBS**.
- Next screen, click on job title:

Example: Engineering Equipment Operator.

- Next screen, in the paragraph titled **JOB SUMMARY**, click on the sentence **To obtain information about this position and TO APPLY**.
- This will redirect you to AVUE Digital Services. Once in AVUE…
- On the right side of page click on Log In. When screen changes, you will enter your username and password, click Log In.
- Next screen, click **APPLY NOW** located in the list on the right.
- Next screen, you must complete all sections listed in column located on the right side of page before submitting your application. If your application is incomplete, it will not be considered.

NOTE: You will have the option of choosing 9 different duty locations in AVUE. However, you must specify SOUTH LAKE TAHOE as the duty station when applying for any temporary jobs on the Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit. No other duty locations are used for the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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