



### Detail / Temporary Promotion Information

Opening Date: April 15, 2011

Closing Date: May 5, 2011

Position: Position Title: District/Zone Forestry Technician (Fuels)  
Location: Kaibab NF- North Kaibab RD, Fredonia, Arizona  
Grade Level: GS-0462-06/07

Entrance On  
Duty Date: June 6, 2011

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### Brief Statement of Duties/Description of Detail:

For the spring and summer season of 2011, the North Kaibab RD, Fire Management Office is seeking a highly motivated individual to detail for 90-120 days as the GS-0462-06/07 District/Zone Forestry Technician (Fuels). This announcement is for USFS employees who wish to be considered for a temporary promotion or detail opportunity of 90-120 days; only USFS applicants will be considered. The tentative start date is June 6, 2011 but is negotiable.

This is a detail or a temporary promotion opportunity NTE 120 Days. A detail is a temporary assignment of an employee to a different position for a specified period, with the employee returning to his/her regular duties at the end of the assignment. While on detail, the employee continues to hold his/her official position from which detailed and keeps the same status and grade. Applicants who would qualify for a temporary promotion are also encouraged to apply. Applicants who would like to qualify for a temporary promotion at the GS-0462-06 level; must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to a GS-05. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. Applicants who would like to qualify for a temporary promotion at the GS-0462-07 level; must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to a GS-06. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. During this detail or temporary promotion; salary, travel and per diem will be paid by the receiving unit. Government housing is available for this assignment.



The incumbent of this position will assist in preparing and implementing prescribed fire burn plans, perform fuel moisture monitoring, conduct fire behavior and smoke monitoring, assist in fire effects monitoring, and supervise/coordinate prescribed fire preparation activities. Additionally, the incumbent will assist higher level supervisors in documenting wildfire management decisions in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS). The incumbent will serve on prescribed fire, wildfire, and fuels projects in positions for which they are qualified. Single Resource Boss (Crew, Engine, or Firing) and Incident Commander Type 4 are the required minimum qualifications. The incumbent may serve as a Project Inspector (PI) on manual hazardous fuel reduction contracts.

### **North Zone Fire Management Information:**

The Fire Management Program at the North Kaibab RD is a diverse and complex program that manages fire and fuels through prescribed fire, manual thinning, managing unplanned ignitions for resource benefit, and suppression. The Fire Management Program at the North Kaibab RD works under an Interagency Agreement with the Kaibab National Forest- North Kaibab Ranger District and Grand Canyon National Park- North Rim, as the North Zone Interagency Fire Management Program. The North Zone Fire Management staff is supervised by an Interagency Fire Management Officer, an Interagency Assistant Fire Management Officer and an Interagency Fuels Specialist. The District's fire/fuels management program includes managing wildfires for multiple objectives including resource benefit and prescribed fire (5,000 to 10,000 acres annually) activities. Since 2001 Grand Canyon has treated approximately 30,000 acres with prescribed fire and over 40,000 acres with unplanned ignitions managed for resource benefit. During the peak of the fire season, the North Zone Fire Management Program employs roughly 50 firefighters.

### **Kaibab National 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 3,500 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.

### **North Kaibab Ranger District / North Rim- Grand Canyon NP**

The North Kaibab Ranger District program areas include forest and rangeland vegetation management, fire/fuels, wildlife, recreation, wilderness and heritage resource management. 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 Saddle Mountain and Kanab Creek Wildernesses, the 18-mile Rainbow Rim Trail along the edge of Grand Canyon, and the Great Western and Arizona Trails.

The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is known worldwide for its spectacular beauty and its remote location in Northern Arizona. The fuels on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and the North Kaibab Ranger District include ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, spruce/fir, and pinyon-juniper. The North Rim is located approximately 75 miles from Kanab, UT, approximately 225 miles from Flagstaff, AZ and approximately 150 miles from Saint George, UT. Elevations on the Kaibab Plateau range between 5000 feet to above 8500 feet. The North Rim Developed area has limited services.

## **The Local Community**

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 1,500, with K-12 schools, a post office, churches, several small motels, gas stations and in some years a restaurant. Kanab, Utah, seven miles north of Fredonia, has approximately 5,000 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 available. Additionally, rental houses and apartments are available in Fredonia and Kanab ranging from \$500 to \$1,000/month.

<http://kanab.utah.gov/>

<http://www.fredoniaarizona.com/>

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### To Apply:

1. For more information about this detail or temporary promotion assignment, please contact Dave Robinson, North Zone Fuels Specialist at 928-643-8138 or email [dsrobinson@fs.fed.us](mailto:dsrobinson@fs.fed.us) or [david\\_robinson@nps.gov](mailto:david_robinson@nps.gov) reference North Zone Fuels Tech in the subject line.
2. Interested individuals should discuss the opportunity with their first-line supervisor and obtain concurrence from their District Ranger prior to applying.
3. Once approval is gained, interested individuals should submit a resume detailing work history, educational background, specialized experience, and any special qualifications they might possess. Applicants must provide a copy of their Master Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS) record. Resumes and Master IQCS records should be submitted by electronic mail to: [dsrobinson@fs.fed.us](mailto:dsrobinson@fs.fed.us) or [david\\_robinson@nps.gov](mailto:david_robinson@nps.gov) , no later than May 5, 2011.