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USDA Forest Service
North Kaibab RD, Kaibab NF
Engineering Equipment Operator Helper, WG-5716-05
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The North Kaibab Ranger District will be filling a Engineering Equipment Operator Helper position to work with the Initial Attack Fire Dozer Module. This position will be stationed out of Jacob Lake work center and seasonal government housing is available.

DUTIES:

Operates gasoline- or diesel-powered engineering and construction equipment with wheeled or crawler type traction, such as graders, tractors with bulldozer or angle dozer blades, front-end loaders, backhoes, trench diggers, and large industrial tractors with pan or scraper attachments. Operates equipment to push, pull, pile, excavate, backfill, grade, or level earth. Uses equipment to perform such functions as cutting, moving, digging, grading, and rolling earth, sand, stone, and other materials, and to maintain ditches, road shoulders and beds, and fire lines. Performs a variety of manual labor tasks in different work settings, such as building and grounds maintenance, industrial operations, shops and warehouses, office buildings, supply centers, etc. Performs duties such as loading and unloading trucks; moving furniture, equipment, and supplies; digging ditches; clearing trails; mowing lawns; washing vehicles, and similar laboring duties that require no specialized training or experience.

Federal agencies have adopted the Work Capacity Test (WCT) as a method of assessing employee's fitness levels for fire qualifications for positions covered by this recruitment bulletin. It is a requirement to take and pass the WCT at the arduous level. The arduous WCT will consist of completing a three-mile hike, within forty-five minutes, while carrying a forty-five pound pack. It is strongly advised that applicants consult with a physician and begin training at least four weeks prior to undergoing the WCT.



Apply On-Line at www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html. This online application process allows applicants to submit employment information that can be printed for personal use and saved and/or edited on the website for future use. The application process contains all the data elements that are required for resumes submitted for federal employment and may be submitted electronically.

NORTH ZONE FIRE AREA INFORMATION:

The North Kaibab Ranger District is nestled in northern Arizona, occupying 656,000 acres of National Forest on the Kaibab Plateau, north of and immediately adjacent to the Grand Canyon. Talk about scenery!! The district office is located in Fredonia, AZ and is the Duty Station location for many permanent employees. During the summer field season the North Zone Fire Management resources (North Kaibab Ranger District and North Rim of Grand Canyon) are dispatched out of three field work stations (Big Springs, Jacob Lake and North Rim developed area). These stations provide logistical support to the fire resources and provide seasonal crew housing for employees that are stationed at those locations. Other district/park functions operate out of these remote field stations, as well. The district's fire/fuels management program includes managed fire for multiple objectives and prescribed fire (treating 5,000 to 10,000 acres annually) activities. 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. Most of our fire starts are caused by lightning, and frequently we can have 10-20 *active* starts within a couple hours after lightning moves through.

Our forests range from beautiful Ponderosa Pine, mixed conifer, aspen, high elevation spruce/fir (9,000 ft.), to large meadows, expanses of pinyon/juniper, and red sandstone slickrock in the lowest elevations (4,000 ft.). We offer approximately 5MMBF of timber annually. Our District is home to the largest number of Northern Goshawks in the lower 48 states, a herd of 169 bison, California Condors, and the infamous Kaibab Deer Herd. Our Ranger District is surrounded by Grand Canyon National Park on the south, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument to the east, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Zion National Park to our north, and the Arizona Strip to our west. Our Tribal neighbors include the Kaibab Paiute, Hopi, and Navajo.

Summers are generally hot--70 to 80 degrees at the higher elevations, 90+ degrees in the communities and lower red rock elevations.

North Kaibab Ranger District permanent employees live in Fredonia AZ, or Kanab UT. Fredonia's population is approximately 1500, offering a rural life-style, with K-12 schools, post office, churches (Trinity Church-Assemblies of God, LDS), 2 restaurants, several small motels, gas stations, plus a BIG community spirit. Kanab's population is approximately 5,000, and growing. In addition to it's rural life-style, it offers K-12 schools, post office, 2 large grocery stores, fast food chains, several moderately sized motels, several restaurants, a nine hole golf course, 1 movie theatre, 1 playhouse, hospital, and churches (New Hope Bible Church, St. Christopher Catholic Church, Jehovah's Witness, United Church of Kanab/Fredonia, LDS), miscellaneous retail stores, community chorus and orchestra, and also a BIG community spirit.

Government housing at Jacob Lake work center is available. Rentals (usually homes) are available--but can be difficult to find during spring and summer months, ranging from \$500-\$1,000/month. Homes for purchase are available, with an average in town 2-3 bedroom home averaging \$225,000 and up...depending on size of home and location. Larger communities such as Page AZ (90 miles east) and St. George UT (80 miles west) offer additional shopping, larger medical facilities, malls and commercial airports (commuter size).

INTERESTED??? The North Kaibab Ranger District is a great place, with great people! And we're looking for applicants with high energy, enthusiasm, and interest in being part of the North Kaibab tradition! If you'd like more information about this position, please contact Josh Erickson (Assistant Fire Management Officer-Operations) at (928) 643-8151 joshuaerickson@fs.fed.us, or Ryan Southwick (Initial Attack Fire Dozer Operator) at (928) 643-8154 rsouthwick@fs.fed.us