



Kaibab

National Forest

Outreach Notice

LABORER, WG-3502-03

Williams Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest

Applicants should apply to Open Continuous Register

Vacancy #OCRT-3502-3-LABOR-DT [by May 4, 2012](#)

Select "Williams, AZ" as the duty location

This is a temporary appointment (May through September, 2012), not to exceed 1,039 hours

For More Information:

For additional information about this opportunity, please call Range Staff Clare Hydock at (928) 635-5623 or email at chydock@fs.fed.us

To Apply:

The vacancy announcement for this position can be accessed through Avue Central; www.avuecentral.com Look for the Open Continuous Register announcement **OCRT-3502-3-LABOR-DT**. Select **Williams, AZ** as the duty station. We expect the referral list on May 8, 2012.

Apply to this vacancy announcement using Avue Central website at www.avuecentral.com no later than **May 4, 2012**.

This position performs manual tasks that require work experience or training and some degree of manual skill that would include **operating heavy equipment**. The Laborer is primarily responsible for operating a bobcat outfitted with a tree shearer to cut trees for grassland maintenance projects. Other assignments could include fence construction, repair of livestock and wildlife watering facilities, noxious weed control (manual and/or herbicide), grazing allotment inspections, and other duties as assigned. The successful candidate **must have a valid driver's license**, the ability to work safely using a variety of heavy tools/equipment and the ability to follow simple instructions. Government housing may be available.

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 units of Grand Canyon National Park. The Forest is composed of three Ranger Districts, and is headquartered in Williams, AZ.

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, 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.

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 40 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 and motorized off-highway vehicle use.

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.

Williams's location 59 miles south of the Grand Canyon makes tourist-oriented retail and service firms a major economic segment. Its proximity to ski areas and cross-country ski trails, coupled with nearly 5 million tourists at the Grand Canyon annually, creates a significant positive impact on the economy. Cattle and sheep ranching, dry farming, small industries and rock quarrying also contribute to the economy. The city is currently working on programs aimed at future economic diversification.

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 2006.

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 hours away in Flagstaff. There is a new aquatics center in town, an 18-hole golf course, 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.

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

Flagstaff (pop. 76,000) is 30 miles east of Williams and has a regional airport, many shopping amenities, numerous schools, a regional medical center and hospital, and many churches of most denominations. Flagstaff is the home of Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College. For more information on Flagstaff go to <http://www.flagstaff.az.us>