

implement actions that help achieve land management plan goals and objectives. Prepares long and short-range plans based on rangeland resource needs/health/capability, available work force, equipment and budget, and public demands for rangeland resource uses. Consults, coordinates, and cooperates with all affected users, interested publics, and private interests including various environmental groups. Resolves differences among diverse groups with competing goals. Budgets funds for current fiscal year and plans for out-year funding needs within assigned area of responsibility. Serves as principal contact and negotiator for the District on rangeland resources and activities.

Conducts complete inventories and annual monitoring of rangeland resource and activities to document degree of impacts occurring, plant community changes and trend of ecological status or diversity that results. Prepares and reviews ecological assessments for inclusion in the environmental documentation record as a basis for rangeland project decisions. Assists with planning the overall unit program by providing specialized input from all areas of responsibility and devising and recommending means of integrating multiple-use activities and uses in the management of the unit. Monitors, inspects, and analyzes rangeland resource health and uses initiative to determine the effectiveness of on-going management actions and possible alternatives or planned management practices or changes, which will help achieve land management goals and objectives more effectively. Evaluates competition between wildlife and livestock grazing on specific rangeland areas, initiates the necessary decision processes that will resolve conflicts that are identified, and implements decisions that are made because of that process.

Prepares and reviews Environmental Analysis Reports and reviews applications for rangeland use permits or other rangeland use agreements. Serves on interdisciplinary teams, evaluating rangeland resource and ecosystem impacts, identified alternatives, and trade-offs or results of various rangeland project proposals. Reviews rangeland conditions with rangeland users/permittees to identify and resolve rangeland management problems. Inspects grazing allotments for compliance to livestock grazing strategies and management practices that are part of the grazing permit. Completes necessary action on rangeland use permit changes or modifications, and ensures compliance by permittees/rangeland users. Plans and implements rangeland improvement projects. Serves as principal contact and negotiator on rangeland resources and activities.

The Ranger District's Noxious and Invasive Weed Program treats between 1,500 to 2,500 acres every year. This is through a combination of contracts, partners, and the Range program employees. The position will also be closely involved the monitoring and preservation of sensitive plant species that occur on the district. There will also be opportunities to be involved or lead projects to improve vegetation and watershed conditions.

The position also provides the oversight of the North Kaibab Ranger District's horses. This will involve ensuring the horses are properly cared for and facilitating pack trips or rides to perform monitoring or work in the wilderness areas.

ABOUT THE KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST...

The Kaibab National Forest encompasses 1.6 million acres, located on both the north and south sides of Grand Canyon National Park. The Kaibab Forest encompasses three districts and operates as two zones. The North Zone is located north of the Colorado River and includes the North Kaibab Ranger District. The South Zone is south of the Colorado River and includes the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts. The North Kaibab District manages two beautiful Wilderness Areas (Saddle Mountain and Kanab Creek), and the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center. Our District size alone is approximately 656,000 acres.

Elevations on the District range from about 3,000 feet to over 9,000 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 mule deer, a few elk, Northern Goshawk, turkey, bison, and coyote being the most common larger species.

Summer temperatures average 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 a common sight. The cool monsoon season in July and August brings relief from the heat, but can bring brief but often violent thunderstorms across the Forest.

THE COMMUNITIES OF FREDONIA AND KANAB...

Fredonia has a population of about 1100 residents, while Kanab is larger with about 4000 in population. The communities have three schools with grades K-12, several businesses (motels, gas stations, hardware, gift shops, etc.), banks, medical facilities, supermarkets, restaurants and churches. Kanab is located about 7 miles north of Fredonia. The larger communities of Page, Arizona and Saint George, Utah are approximately 1.5 hours away with additional shopping and entertainment opportunities.

The towns may seem small, but the lure of more remote outdoor experiences is what attracts visitors to this area. With the majority of visitors traveling to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, the North Rim is lesser visited due to its remoteness but boasts higher elevations, cooler temperatures, and lush vegetation. To the east of Fredonia/Kanab is the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to the northwest are Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, all no more than 1.5 hours away.

HOUSING...

Rental housing is generally scarce but improving. Previous detailers for other positions have utilized a variety of temporary housing options including staying in motels, locating small rental properties, or staying at RV parks.

There may be government housing available, depending on timing.

To Apply...

This position will be advertised on USAJOBS in February or March, 2013. Respondents to this outreach will be notified will the announcement is posted.

CONTACTS...

For more information about the position or the area, contact Randall Walker, North Kaibab District Ranger at rmwalker@fs.fed.us or (928) 606-3673.

Please respond by 12/31/2012

OUTREACH REPLY FORM

Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service
Kaibab National Forest, North Kaibab RD, Fredonia, AZ
Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-09/11

*Mail form or return electronically to Randall Walker at rmwalker@fs.fed.us

NAME: _____

LOTUS NOTES OR E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER ____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT IF CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:

____ PERMANENT ____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM
____ VRA ____ PWD ____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE):

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE (IF APPLICABLE): _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

How did you hear about this position? Organization Name _____
Agency Contact _____ Other _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE,
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
AUTHORITIES:

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____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
____ OTHER _____

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!