

# OUTREACH NOTICE



## Forestry Technician (Aid) and (Handcrew)

GS-0462-3/4/5

AZ-COF-Crew 4

Coconino National Forest

Flagstaff Ranger District

Announcement #: **TEMP-OCR-0462-5-HANDCREW-DT**

**TEMP-OCR-0462-4-HANDCREW-DT**

**TEMP-OCR-0462-3-FIRE-DT**

### Position Explanation:

The Coconino National Forest will be filling up to 9 Temporary Employment Positions at the GS-3, 4, and 5 levels. These positions will serve as crewmembers on a 10-person fuels-funded handcrew, based on the Flagstaff Ranger District. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective candidates of these upcoming opportunities and determine interest in the positions. A complete job descriptions can be found on USAJOBS.gov under the announcements numbers listed above. Interested applicants should respond by completing the included crew interest form.

**TEMP-OCR-0462-03-FIRE-DT**-These are entry level positions for applicants whom meet basic requirements. No previous experience is required for these positions.

**TEMP-OCR-0462-4-HANDCREW-DT**-These are positions for applicants with at least 90 days experience in fire or fuels management and who are basically qualified for the position.

**TEMP-OCR-5-HANDCREW-DT**-These are "Senior Firefighter Positions" for applicants whom are fully qualified as a Firefighter Type 1 and have completed S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior.

Crew 4 is a multi-faceted, district level handcrew. The crew implements prescribed fires; conducts hazard fuels reductions projects, monitors prescribed fire effectiveness and response to local and national wildland fires. The typical field season for the crew is mid-May through late October or early November.

### Duty Station: Flagstaff Ranger District

The Coconino National Forest is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Forest

Service has three offices in Flagstaff: the Supervisor's Office, Mormon Lake Work Center and the Flagstaff Ranger District Office. Most people think of Arizona as being hot, with desert vegetation. This is certainly not true in Flagstaff. Flagstaff is surrounded by the Coconino National Forest, which in this area is primarily ponderosa pine at the base of the San Francisco Peaks.

Flagstaff is located at the intersection of Interstate 17 and Interstate 40, and is the largest city in Northern Arizona. As a mid-sized city, Flagstaff has approximately 80,000 people living in and around it. The city is also the regional center and county seat for Coconino County, the second largest county in the 48 contiguous states. The City of Flagstaff was founded in 1894, incorporated as a city in 1928, and currently comprises just over 64 square miles. It is nestled at the base of the San Francisco Peaks and surrounded by one of the largest pine forests on earth. Flagstaff drew its name from a very tall pine tree made into a flagpole in 1876 to celebrate our nation's centennial. At nearly 7,000 feet, Flagstaff is also one of the highest elevation cities of its size in the United States. The city is a year-round mecca for visitors and many Arizonans maintain second homes here.

Northern Arizona University, the largest employer in the City, has a major economic impact. The campus is used year-round and hosts many professional athletes, such as the Arizona Cardinals annual training camp, and Olympic athletes that choose Flagstaff as training site because of the climate, altitude, and available facilities.

Five business and industrial parks are situated with excellent access to the Interstates (I-40 and I-17). One additional site resides within 15 miles of the City limits. Major manufacturers include W.L. Gore & Associates (of Gortex renown), manufacturer of medical equipment; Nestle Purina Petcare Products, manufacturer of pet food; SCA Tissue, manufacturer of tissue paper; and Joy Cone, manufacturer of ice cream cones.

**HOUSING:** The cost of housing in Flagstaff is variable by neighborhood and can range from \$100,000 to \$500,000+ for single family homes. Private housing, rentals, and apartments are available but thought to be in the expensive range depending upon where you are moving from. The median sale price for homes in Flagstaff from June-August 2011 was \$214,000, with an average price per square foot of \$139. Real estate in Flagstaff, AZ tends to be buffered from the highs and lows experienced in places such as Phoenix due to a limited amount of available land in the area. Flagstaff has excellent choices of real estate companies and real estate agents with which to work. Government housing is not available.

**WEATHER:** Flagstaff enjoys four distinct seasons. Moderate summer high temperatures are typically around thirty degrees cooler than in Phoenix, and are punctuated with afternoon monsoonal rain showers in July and August. The winter brings an average annual snowfall of about 100 inches, much to the enjoyment of skiers, ice skaters and snowboarders. As the snow thaws into spring, blooming wildflowers are abundant and fragrant along Flagstaff's many hiking trails. Autumn is highlighted with the changing of the aspen leaves that transform the surrounding mountains into a golden tapestry of color. Flagstaff averages 283 days without

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precipitation each year, so it is not surprising that our residents love the great outdoors, and the mild climate encourages year-round outdoor activities.

**SCHOOLS:** Flagstaff Unified School District #1 has 9 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 2 alternative schools, 5 magnet schools, and 2 high schools. In addition to the public school system, there are 10 charter schools run by private parties. These schools provide educational opportunities for children in kindergarten to high school. The schools specialize in everything from specific learning styles to programs focused on the Arts.

Coconino County Community College offers 33 associate degrees, 29 certificate programs, continuing education, and special programs for small businesses. Flagstaff's commitment to education is enhanced by Northern Arizona University's contribution to the community. Established in 1899, NAU is one of Arizona's three state universities.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Flagstaff is a major crossroads for the west. Interstates 17 and 40 provide road access to major west coast markets, including San Francisco, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Diego, parts of Mexico, and of course, Phoenix and Tucson. US Highway 89 provides access to the states north of Arizona and Highway 180 provides access to the Grand Canyon. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway serves the city of Flagstaff with more than 100 trains passing through town daily. Amtrak also services Flagstaff twice daily connecting with Los Angeles and Chicago. Bus services are available for within the city (Mountain Line), intra and interstate (Greyhound), and several tour guide companies provided service around Northern Arizona. In addition, there are several taxicab companies. Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, located four miles south of downtown Flagstaff on I-17, provides frequent daily flights to and from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, where national and international connections can be made.

Additionally, the City is committed to the development of a non-motorized urban trail network (FUTS), which will interconnect virtually all areas of the City when completed and will serve as an important transportation element as well as a recreation amenity. The current draft of the proposed City/County regional plan shows an estimated 55 miles of FUTS. The City has completed approximately 32.8 miles to date.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** Flagstaff has an extensive array of medical facilities and resources in the areas of traditional, integrative and alternative healthcare. Flagstaff Medical Center is the Northern Arizona Regional referral center for trauma, cancer, rehabilitation, cardiac care, high-risk maternal/fetal, MRI/CT scans, and more. More than 148 physicians are on active staff at the hospital, representing 36 medical specialties.

**CHURCHES:** All denominations of religion are well represented in the Flagstaff area.

**RECREATION:** Flagstaff sports a multitude of outdoor and indoor recreation activities.

Horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, down-hill skiing, indoor pools, soccer, basketball, little league, baseball, softball and volleyball, are available for all age groups at very little cost to the individual.

The area has a highly active running community at all levels of competitiveness, and hosts a summer running series with 5K, 10K, full and half marathon events running from May through October. It is a popular area for both amateur and professional distance runners, including several Olympians to train due to the altitude and favorable climate.

City of Flagstaff Parks and Recreation Department and the Flagstaff Athletic Center East and West offer numerous indoor and outdoor activities. In addition, there is an extensive Urban Trail System throughout the area connecting the city with the forest trails system.

Nearby National Parks and Monuments include: the Grand Canyon, Montezuma Castle, Walnut Canyon, Monument Valley, Painted Desert and Sunset Crater.

LIBRARY: There is a community library in town which also serves the outlying communities with a book-mobile which visits different areas of the community on different days of the week. The university also has a full service library.

MOTELS AND RESTAURANTS: There is no shortage of motels or restaurants in the community. Being located at the junction of two interstates (I-40 and I-17) and being the major community south of the Grand Canyon makes Flagstaff an ideal location for major motels and restaurants.

CONTACTS FOR MORE FLAGSTAFF / COCONINO N.F. INFORMATION:

Coconino National Forest Website ([www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino))

Crew 4 Website

(<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/landmanagement/resourcemanagement>)

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