

KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST
WILLIAMS RANGER DISTRICT
KENDRICK WILDERNESS LOOKOUT TOWER



THE POSITION

Forestry Technician (Lookout), GS-0462-4

The Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest has an opening in its Fire Prevention and Detection shop. This fire lookout position is a temporary 1039 position and has a duty station in the Kendrick Wilderness atop Kendrick Peak at 10,417 feet. Built in 1964, the Kendrick Lookout is an R-6 Flat model with a 14 x 14 live-in cab. The tower is equipped with standard living necessities including: propane stove, refrigerator, and heat, sink, 2 twin beds, and epic views reaching beyond the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Access to Kendrick Tower is via the 4 mile Kendrick Trail, which gains an elevation of 2400 feet. This position is employed from approximately early May to Mid-October. The work schedule is Monday-Friday, and the lookout is staffed by volunteers on the weekends. This requires the incumbent to hike to and from the lookout each week. Water, propane, and other necessities are provided via pack train twice per season.

THE DUTIES

Serves as a Lookout in the detection of wildland fires and assists with fire dispatch through operation of radios, telephones, and other necessary equipment to exchange information for fire weather and other forest suppression activities. Reports smoke and fires, giving location, estimated size, distance and other pertinent information utilizing specialized equipment such as a fire finder, topographic maps, compasses and geographical references. Training will be provided to encourage a comprehensive understanding of fire weather and fire behavior including: weather systems, cloud formation/buildup, thunderstorm identification and safety associated with lightning activity and how it effects in the wildland fire environment. Reads simple weather instruments, records and reports wind direction, wind speed, temperature, and fire weather information. Keeps dispatcher and fire officials informed of current weather, reports lightning, severe weather fire weather conditions and changing fire behavior.

Communicates with natural resource managers during incidents by utilizing handheld and base radios, signal mirrors and telephones. Records observations; tracks location of crews and personnel on daily basis and during fire and all risk incidents, emergencies or accidents. Serves as point of contact to guests visiting the tower for general forest information, Responsible for general maintenance, organization and upkeep of fire detection tower; reports and mitigates hazards and safety concerns through chain of command and maintains daily log, records and training requirements.

KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

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. The Forest has 140 permanent and approximately 80 temporary employees.

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

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.

TO APPLY:

Applicants must apply on-line at www.usajobs.gov. The announcement number for this position is:

TEMPOCR-0462-04-LOOKOUT-DT.

Choose Williams, AZ as your desired duty station. **We will request a referral list on or around February 11th, 2013.**

For additional information about this position, please contact Sami Schinnell at 928-635-5637 or slschinnell@fs.fed.us

Thank you for your interest.