



----- **Permanent Full Time Forester** -----

GS-460-05/07/09

Kaibab National Forest

Duty Station: Tusayan, AZ

Please respond by February 8, 2013

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY... and working with a dynamic group of people, the Kaibab National Forest in north-central Arizona is looking for a Professional Forester on the South Zone of the Forest. Duty station will be located in Tusayan, AZ and the position is supervised by the Tusayan District Ranger.

The professional Forester is a Kaibab south-zone position but has the responsibility for forest management regarding vegetation manipulation activities on the Tusayan District. Program Management will require constant and clear communication skills to the District Ranger and zone Timber/Silviculture staff. Being the primary contact for the Tusayan vegetation management activities, the forester will need to be able to work independently. Government housing maybe available.

This is an exciting time to be on the Kaibab as we are one of the four Northern Arizona National Forests involved with a national initiative known as the 4 Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). This project is a collaborative effort, with many stakeholders, that will treat 2.4 million acres across the four forests and restoring fire in our fire adapted ponderosa pine ecosystems. The first project area will occur on the South Zone of the Kaibab as well as a portion of the Coconino National Forest. The person selected as the Professional Forester will be a key player with this project by maintaining communication and coordination with zone timber and silviculture staff as well as the fuels, range, and recreation programs on the District! The ability to manage projects and assignments independently will be of utmost importance for the successful candidate.

This position will be advertised as a single vacancy announcement on USA Jobs (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>). Depending on results of this outreach, the position will be flown as either a career ladder (GS-5/7/9) or the GS-9 level.

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 rims of Grand Canyon National Park. The Forest is composed of three Ranger Districts, and is headquartered in Williams, Arizona. We have approximately 140 permanent and 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, recreation, 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.

For more information on the Kaibab National Forest, please visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai

TUSAYAN RANGER DISTRICT... is immediately adjacent to the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The District covers approximately 300,000 acres and vegetation types vary from sagebrush-grasslands and pinyon-juniper forests in the lower elevations to ponderosa pine stands in the higher country. Our values include trust, professionalism, integrity, fairness, respect, and fun. We are looking for candidates who share these values and our vision, and have the desire and experience to manage a complex program of work.

The Kaibab began using wildfires for resource objectives and restoration in 2003. At this time the Tusayan Ranger District provided the bulk of opportunities to used wildfires in this manner. The primary objective of our work is healthy forest restoration. The district also has active and challenging minerals and range programs with approximately 2400 claims and 3 large range allotments. Interagency cooperation is key, as the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park is immediately adjacent to the district's northern boundary and the position frequently works with local tribes to meet the needs of tribal members. This position serves as a critical link between timber/silviculture and the district fire and fuels program; the ability to communicate across disciplines to reach integrated objectives is imperative. Often this position serves as the Resource Advisor during wildfires, providing information and advice to Incident Management Teams. Other government agencies in the immediate area include the National Park Service, and the Navajo, Hopi, Hualapai and Havasupai Tribes.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION... Tusayan Ranger District employees generally live on the Forest Service Compound at the Tusayan Ranger Station located approximately 7 miles from the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Children attend Grand Canyon Public Schools (K-12) located inside the Park. There are small markets located in the community of Tusayan with more shopping facilities available inside the Park. There are numerous restaurants from fast food to nice full service establishments. To fulfill larger shopping needs folks travel to Williams (60 miles) or Flagstaff (80 miles). The population of Williams is approximately 3,000 with one large grocery store, numerous restaurants, motels, and gas stations. Flagstaff is a full service community of about 65,000 with a hospital, airport, Northern Arizona University, shopping malls and many other amenities typical of other communities of this size.

Recreation opportunities include the various scenic and hiking trails at the Grand Canyon, as well as many hunting opportunities for both small and large game such as deer, trophy elk, turkey, squirrel and many others. Fishing opportunities in the immediate area of Flagstaff and Williams are provided by small lakes stocked annually with trout and some other species. However, within a 2 - 4 hour drive of the District you can find trophy trout fishing, bass fishing and all fresh water species at Lake Powell, Roosevelt Lake, and other lakes in the Phoenix area. Other recreational activities include mountain biking, downhill and cross-country skiing, camping, wildlife viewing, hiking and backpacking. Winters can be cold and snowy in northern Arizona, providing opportunities for winter sports.

For more information on Tusayan visit www.tusayan-az.gov. For more information on Williams visit the Williams Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce <http://www.williamschamber.com>

CONTACTS... For additional information about this opportunity, please call Tusayan District Ranger Nicholas Larson at (928) 635-8230 or District Silviculturist, Richard Gonzalez at (928) 635-5616.

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Professional Forester

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Please return form by February 8, 2013 to Richard Gonzalez:

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Williams Ranger District

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Candidate Profile

Applicant Name:

Work Address: _____

Contact Information: Phone _____ Email _____

Current Employer: _____

Forest: _____ District: _____

Current Position Title: _____ Series/Grade _____

Supervisors Name: _____ Phone: _____

Type of Appointment _____ Years/Seasons of Service _____

Years in grade _____ (*Permanent, Temporary, etc.*)

Please submit an Employee Biographical Sketch or Resume with this form.