

# COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

## FLAGSTAFF RANGER DISTRICT



*“Caring for the Land and Serving People”*

## OUTREACH NOTICE

### *Forester (Silviculture)*

*GS-460-11*

### *Announcement Number Will Be Circulated When Available*

The Coconino National Forest is advertising a GS-460-11 Forester (Silviculture) position. This is a permanent full time staff position with a duty station on the Flagstaff Ranger District, located in Flagstaff, Arizona. Transfer of Station (TOS) is available.

#### **THE POSITION:**

The position is located on the Flagstaff Ranger District, Coconino National Forest and serves as one of two primary silviculturists with responsibility for development, planning, and application of silvicultural methods and practices on the district. This position will spend significant time working on the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) project as well as a National Forest Foundation Treasured Landscapes Project. For more information on 4FRI, visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri> and for more information on Treasured Landscapes visit:

<https://www.nationalforests.org/conservation/programs/conservation/coconino-national-forest-restoration>.

The position will also: serve as an interdisciplinary team member for NEPA analysis, work with local and national partners, and provide leadership within the district.

**DUTIES:**

- Evaluates stands and drafts silviculture prescriptions based on current NEPA.
- Oversees the preparation and administration of various silvicultural contracts (i.e. thinning, planting, site preparation, stand exam, fence construction). Acts as Contract Officer Representative (COR) or project inspector on contracts.
- Works closely with the Timber program to ensure proper layout and marking of units.
- Works with 4FRI contractor representatives to ensure contractor is correctly implementing treatments that are designated by prescription.
- Surveys sites and makes silvicultural treatment prescriptions for thinning, planting, natural regeneration, vegetative release, insect and disease control, and animal control.
- Responsible for ensuring the FACTS, FSveg, and FSveg Spatial databases for the District and 4FRI are maintained and updated on a regular basis.
- Tracks budgets and oversees financial transactions related to the program.
- Closely supervises the activities of volunteers and volunteer projects.
- Works closely with other Federal and State governments as well as the local Northern Arizona University and other not-for-profit organizations and land owners.

**FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA:** The Coconino National Forest is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona. The Forest Service has three offices in Flagstaff: the Supervisor's Office, Mormon Lake Work Station 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 the primary vegetation is ponderosa pine with a variety of wildlife and snow-capped San Francisco Peaks in the winter.

The Main access into Flagstaff is Interstate 40 from the east or west, Interstate 17 from the south and Highway 180 or Highway 89 from the North.

**ALTITUDE/CLIMATE:** Flagstaff lies approximately 7,000 feet above sea level, thus bringing us very mild summers and generally lots of snow in the winter. Freezing temperatures occur usually from the first of October to the middle of May. Average precipitation is 21” per year with most of this coming in the winter as snow and in July & August with the monsoon rains. We have a short growing season, which restricts the growth of a local vegetable garden.

**POPULATION:** The population of Flagstaff and surrounding area is approximately 66,000 (2010).

**COMMUNITY ECONOMY/HOUSING COSTS:** Some of Flagstaff’s major employers include; the tourism industry, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff Medical Center, Flagstaff Unified School District, W.L. Gore, Government Agencies like the Forest Service, National Park Service and Coconino County.

Government housing is unavailable. Private housing, rentals and apartments are available but thought to be in the expensive range depending on where you are moving from. Single family homes usually range in prices from \$200,000 to \$450,000 (average home). Two bedroom apartments can range at the lower end from \$1000 to \$1200 a month to rent.

**SCHOOLS:** Flagstaff has 20 public schools including two high schools, eight charter schools and private learning centers, scattered throughout the community. Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College provide a wide array of higher education.

**SHOPPING:** Flagstaff has an array of shopping centers, including; Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and other drug stores, auto parts stores, hardware stores, Home Depot, Sam’s Club and the Flagstaff Mall and Market Place with a wide selection of department stores such as, Best Buy, Dillard’s, Sears and JC Penny’s. There are a wide variety of grocery stores and several health food stores. Downtown Flagstaff recently experienced revitalization as part of the Main Street USA program, and features many quaint shops and galleries.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** Flagstaff Medical Center is the primary care facility in town. The town also hosts a great number of physicians, specialists, including a mental health hospital, urgent care facility, cancer center and several elderly care facilities. The hospital has numerous ambulances and a life flight helicopter which services the area. There are also numerous optometrists, chiropractors, dentists and veterinarians in the community.

**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.

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.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Flagstaff has a commercial airport, which offers incoming and outgoing flights daily to Phoenix, Arizona, and train service by Amtrak. There are numerous car rental agencies in town as well as a city bus transportation system and commercial cab services.

**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 INFORMATION:** Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce Website ([www.flagstaff.az.us](http://www.flagstaff.az.us)) or email ([chamber@flagstaff.az.us](mailto:chamber@flagstaff.az.us)). Coconino National Forest Website ([www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino)) or call us at (928) 527-3600.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

**Please reply using the enclosed form by Monday January 7, 2012. The vacancy announcement is anticipated to be posted in the national website - [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). It is critical to be ready to submit your application for this job, because it will be open for a limited time.**

**OUTREACH RESPONSE**  
**Reply Due: Dec 21, 2012**  
**District Silviculturist, GS-0460-11**

NAME:

Email ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS\_\_\_ BLM\_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_

TYPE OF CURRENT APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT\_\_\_ TEMPORARY\_\_\_  
TERM\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT AGENCY/REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT/OTHER:

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE/PAY SCALE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE:

If **not** a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- \_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_ DISABLED VETERAN W/ 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_ OTHER\_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF BACKGROUND AND CURRENT DUTIES:**

Please send your response no later than Friday December 21, 2012 to:

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