Outreach Notice

Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts

Pre-Sale Foresters

GS-0460-05/07/09

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is seeking two individuals to serve as a permanent full-time pre-Sale Foresters GS-0460-05/07/9 on the Black Mesa Ranger District, in Overgaard Arizona, and the Lakeside Ranger District in Lakeside, Arizona. Both candidates may also be working across the Sitgreaves Forest on both districts as needed. The following is a brief sketch of the major duties of the positions, the Forest and the community.

THE POSITION

The positions are important parts of the active zoned timber organization across the Sitgreaves National Forest. Responsibilities include preparation of 4FRI Task Orders, 2400-13T Stewardship Sales, 2400-3T and 6T Timber Sale contract preparation activities. This will include initial field project development, layout, marking and cruise design implementation and volume estimates. This is followed by contract creation, bidding and award of the sale to complete the project process.

DUTIES:

- Oversees the preparation and implementation of vegetation management projects.
- Ensures proper layout, Two-Trail traversing/GPS, and marking of cutting units, no cut and protected areas, and special features in project areas.
- Works closely with district specialists (engineering, wildlife, hydrology/soils, recreation, archaeology etc.) on resource protection needs and resource requirements within the project area and within the contract/task order boundary.
- Development of Timber Sales, Task Orders, and Timber Contracts within Timber Information Management Database and Development of associated maps.
- Designs, implements, collects, and processes cruise data in FS Cruiser, Cruise Design, and Transaction Evidence Appraisal Systems. Advanced Cruiser qualifications preferred, Qualified Cruiser certification required or ability to become certified within 1 year of appointment or when reaching the GS-7 level.
• After training, acts as Contract Officer Representative (COR) or project inspector on marking contracts and
  task orders.
• Maintains all prep, cruise, presale folders and project records associated with task orders and contracts.
• When trained, the incumbent will be responsible for entering FACTS accomplishments associated with timber
  projects in the database during year and for end reporting.
• Works closely with marking foreman and timber crew during project implementation.
• Works with Contract marking crews, TEAMS timber sale prep crews and Timber Strike Teams from different
  regions.

APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are some of the most diverse in the Southwestern Region, encompassing about 2.5 million acres including an extensive amount of the Mogollon Rim and the White Mountains. The Forests stretch from Leonard Canyon south of Winslow, Arizona to the New Mexico state line, then south of Springerville, Arizona to Clifton, Arizona. The landscape varies from high desert to above timberline with the terrain being widely varied. The Forests’ elevations range from approximately 3500 feet on the Clifton Ranger District to over 10,000 feet on the Mount Baldy Wilderness. The Mogollon Rim, a fault line rising 2,000 feet in some areas, runs through the Forests and is the southern boundary for much of the Sitgreaves National Forest.

BLACK MESA RANGER DISTRICT

The Black Mesa Ranger District encompasses approximately 616,000 acres of mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and piñon-juniper forests, and has within its boundaries five high elevation lakes, numerous scenic canyons, 8 campgrounds offering about 400 campsites, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, OHV trails, non-motorized areas, three small communities and many developed inholdings. The District hosts many visitors year-round from the Phoenix metropolitan area, which is within 2 and 1/2 hours travel time.

Located on the Mogollon Rim, the district has a high incidence of lightning strikes during the summer, resulting in an active fire season from May through July. Threatened, endangered, and sensitive species include: Mexican spotted owl, northern goshawk, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, Little Colorado spinedace, and Bebb’s willow. Wild game species include Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, javelina, mountain lion, black bear, wild turkey and antelope. The district has 14 grazing allotments and offers approximately 15 million board feet of saw-timber, pulpwood, and forest products each year through the use of stewardship, timber and small products contracts. There are many lands and special uses issues related to the development of private land in the wildland interface.

UNIT INFORMATION

UNIT: Black Mesa Ranger District office is located on State Highway 260 in the community of Overgaard, Arizona.
TOWN: Our address is 2748 Highway 260, Overgaard, AZ. Our political affiliation is to the communities of Heber and Overgaard.
ELEVATION: District elevations range from 6300 - 7800 ft. with average of about 6500 ft.
POPULATION: Small rural year-round populations within each town, less than 3,000. The population swells considerably from May - October due to second home owners. The closest larger towns are Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Snowflake-Taylor, and Payson.
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GENERAL LOCATION: The District office is located in east-central Arizona, in Navajo County, about 2 1/2 hours from Phoenix, and 2 1/4 hours from Flagstaff.

TRANSPORTATION: Air - Local private airport, located 1 mile east of the office, and commercial airport at Show Low, located 35 miles east of the office. Shuttle buses from Heber-Overgaard provide transportation to airports in Show Low and Phoenix. Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix is approximately 2 1/2 hours away by car.

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Navajo County has been experiencing substantial growth through active business and housing development. Public lands contribute substantially to local economies of tourism, agriculture, ranching, and recreation.

HOUSING: Locally, housing and/or land are available. Housing and financing is also available in the Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside area (35-50 minute commute), and Taylor/Snowflake area (35 minute commute). Government Housing “Quarters” may be available seasonally on a first come first serve basis. Small Homes and apartments may also be available.

SCHOOLS: Heber/Overgaard, as well as the communities of Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, and Snowflake/Taylor offer kindergarten - high school grades with varying curriculums, structure, and sports activities. Northland Pioneer College is located in Show Low with a satellite campus in all of the above-mentioned communities.

HOSPITALS: A medical center is located in the community of Overgaard, with air ambulance capability. A pharmacy is also located in Overgaard. Show Low and Payson have full service hospitals, as well as several other supporting medical, dental, and optometry businesses.

DOCTORS: A community medical center, affiliated with Summit Health Care in Show Low, one Optometrist, one Chiropractor and one part time Dentist provide medical services to the community. A full range of services are available in the Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside area.

CHURCHES: Various denominations, including Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, and LDS.

LIBRARY: A public library, with an inter-library loan program, is located in Heber.

SHOPPING: Two small grocery stores, hardware stores, dollar stores, and a variety of other small shops are located in Heber-Overgaard. A full array of shopping opportunities is located in the Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside area.

FIRE/POLICE: Navajo County Sheriff Department services our area. The Arizona Department of Public Safety maintains a field office here. The Heber-Overgaard Fire Department provides fire protection and ambulance services.

RECREATION: Fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, picnicking, horseback riding, wood gathering, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are all available within the District boundary. The District is evaluating both motorized and non-motorized trail systems adjacent to the community. A full array of recreation facilities exists in the Show Low/Pinetop-Lakeside area. Numerous public lands opportunities within an easy 1-2 hours.

BANKING: National Bank of Arizona has offices in the community, with full service banking and loan facilities also located in Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, and Snowflake-Taylor.

MOTELS: Two motels and bed and Breakfasts are located in Heber-Overgaard.

OTHER AREAS/DISCIPLINES AT THE BLACK MESA RANGER DISTRICT: Archeology, Engineering, Fire, Fuels/Fire Prevention, Geographic Information System (GIS), Law Enforcement, Range Land Management, and Wildlife Biology
OFFICE ADDRESS: USDA, Forest Service

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POPULATION: 4,415 year around (local sources estimate resident population to be 30,000 during summer months)

ELEVATION: 7,000 feet.

LOCATION: Pinetop-Lakeside is located in east central Arizona on State Highway 260. The City of Show Low is located only 5 miles from the District Office. From Phoenix, U.S. 60 through the scenic Salt River Canyon or state Highway 260 through Payson will lead to Lakeside. From Holbrook on I-40, SH77 to Show Low will lead to Lakeside via Highway 260.

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: The economy is heavily oriented toward trade and services for tourists and recreation seekers, as well as residents.

TRANSPORTATION: The Show Low Municipal Airport has two daily flights to Phoenix. There is also bus service to Phoenix and Tucson. There is a year-round bus service, which runs from the Hon-Dah casino, through Pinetop-Lakeside and into Show Low. This service makes several runs each day.

HOUSING: There are single-family homes for sale in the area ranging in price from $75,000 to $200,000 and up. There are also some rental houses, mobile homes, apartments, and duplexes available. Lots are available for mobile and pre-built homes. The area has many realty agents available to assist you in locating housing. Government quarters may be available.

UTILITIES: Electricity through Navapache Electric Cooperative. Natural gas is available in many areas through Citizens Utilities Co. For those areas without natural gas there are several propane companies, pellet and wood stove suppliers. There are three water utilities in the area, sewer through Pinetop-Lakeside Sewer District and sanitation via three solid waste companies.

LODGING AND MEETING FACILITIES: There are approximately 69 lodging facilities, which include motels, hotels, condos, cabins, and bed-and-breakfast properties. There are approximately 14 RV and mobile home parks.

COMMUNICATION: In addition to communication resources from the rest of the state, Pinetop-Lakeside has bi-weekly and weekly area newspapers, radio stations from Show Low, 50+ television channels via cable and satellite from Phoenix, Tucson and national networks. Telephone service is provided by Frontier Communications. There are several cell phone providers in the area.

EDUCATIONAL: Blue Ridge school district has one public elementary school, one public middle school, one public junior high school, and one public high school. School enrollment is more than 2,200 students. There is a charter
school, which recently opened, and private elementary schools are available in the area. Northland Pioneer College, a nationally accredited community college, serves Pinetop-Lakeside and 17 other communities.

**FINANCIAL:** There are five financial institution branch offices in the community with four additional branches in the area.

**MEDICAL:** Care is provided by Summit Healthcare Medical Center with 81 beds, physicians (22 active staff, 18 consulting), six dentists, two optometrists, two orthodontists and two podiatrists, as well as two chiropractic and dental clinics.

**CHURCHES:** There are many churches in the local area with most of the denominations represented.

**SHOPPING FACILITIES:** In the local area there are three large supermarkets, a Wal-Mart, K-mart, Sears, and JC Penney’s, several hardware supply stores, florists, furniture stores, clothing retail, antique and gift shops, automobile dealership and supply stores, and many other types of specialty stores.

**RESTAURANTS:** Most major fast-food chains are located in the area. There are many fine dining restaurants available along with smaller cafes and steak houses.

**RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:** Outside activities include: hiking and picnicking on over 180 miles of multi-use developed trails located throughout Pinetop-Lakeside and the White Mountains; fishing and boating on over 40 pristine mountain lakes and streams; hunting; skiing, both winter (cross-country and downhill) and summer (water); horseback riding; tennis, racquetball, baseball and soccer; miniature go-cart track; racing at Thunder raceway; community youth programs in soccer and baseball and community summer recreation programs. Indoor activities include: two movie theaters; family fun center; two libraries; health centers; community programs in arts, crafts and health; local theater and choir groups; school sports and many other organizations and activities.

**WEATHER DATA:**

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**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE** may be contacted via the internet at:
- Pinetoplakesidechamber.com
- Showlowchamber.com

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact the Black Mesa Timber Organization, Dave Maurer (Timber Management Officer) and respond to the outreach in the outreach database at the following link [OUTREACH DATABASE](#)

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