The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is in need of a GS-460-7/9/11 Forester and GS-462-6/7/8 Forestry Technician for a 120 day temporary promotion or detail assignment. The position is stationed at the Black Mesa Ranger District in Overgaard, Arizona. The candidate will serve as a zone employee for the Sitgreaves National Forest serving both the Black Mesa and Lakeside Ranger Districts. The following is a brief sketch of the major duties of the positions, the Forest, and the community.

**THE POSITION**

This positions are an imperative part of the active zone timber organization across the Sitgreaves National Forest. Responsibilities include the implementation of all aspects of 2400-13T Stewardship Sale and 2400-6T Timber Sale preparation activities. This will include field project development, layout and marking, contract creation and assembly, and cruise design and processing.

**DUTIES:**

- Oversees the preparation and implementation of vegetation management projects.
- Ensures proper layout, Two-Trail traversing, and marking of cutting units, no areas, and special features in project areas.
- Works closely with district specialist (engineering, wildlife, hydrology, 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.
- 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.
• Responsible for entering FACTS accomplishments associated with timber projects in the database during year end reporting.
• Conducts layout, marking, and crew logistics for timber sale preparation.

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 11,000 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 9 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 4500 - 8500 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.

GENERAL LOCATION: The District office is located in east-central Arizona, in Navajo County, about 2 1/2 hours from Phoenix, and 2 1/2 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 new 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: Bank of the West and National Bank of Arizona have offices in the community, with full service banking and loan facilities also located in Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, and Snowflake-Taylor.

MOTELS: Three motels are located in Heber-Overgaard.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Dave Maurer Timber Management Officer for further information.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE POSITION!
Detail/Temporary Promotion Outreach Notice
Black Mesa Zone Timber Organization
Pre-Sale Forester GS-0460-07/09/11
Forestry Technician GS-0462-06/07/08

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If you are interested in this position, please send this completed form, a current resume with contact numbers for references and supervisor, and any other relevant supporting documents to dmaurer@fs.fed.us (928) 535-7300
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