

USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4 Forestry Technician – Timber Sale Admin GS-0462-8/9/10

Dixie National Forest

Cedar City Ranger District 1789 N Wedgewood Lane Cedar City UT 84721 435-865-3200 Escalante Ranger District 755 W Main Escalante UT 84726 435-826-5400

A vacancy announcement to fill (2) two Timber Sale Administrator positions on the Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District and Escalante Ranger District will be posted on the USAJOBS web site, <u>http://www.usajobs.gov</u> in the near future.

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and to determine interest in the position. Please respond to the Outreach Notice by November 13, 2012. You may also obtain a copy of the announcement by contacting Julie Whicker – Administrative Asst. at (435) 865-3716 or email jwhicker@fs.fed.us.

Duties...

These positions are zoned positions, and provide technical support to the Forest Timber Contracting Officer in the area of timber sale administration. The positions support the Forest Timber Contracting Officer in ensuring compliance with timber sale and stewardship contracts. Primary responsibilities include timber sale package preparation, contract preparation, and sale area administration/documentation. Incumbent makes independent decisions on items within authority limits, which is 98% of all decisions made. Makes recommendations to Contracting Office on decisions outside authority range. Participates as necessary on Interdisciplinary Teams (IDT) providing expertise in timber sale planning. Reviews and coordinates environmental documents to ensure appropriate mitigation and other protection measures are practical and implementable.

Location...

There are two positions available one in Cedar City UT, and one in Escalante UT.

The position...

The tour of duty will be permanent, 40 hours per week.

Approximate salary...

The grade level GS-8 salary starts at \$42,960.00 per annum. The grade level GS-9 salary starts at \$47,448.00 per annum. The grade level GS-10 salary starts at \$52,252.00 per annum.

For more information...

To receive a copy of the vacancy announcement, please complete and submit the Outreach Notice Form, attached to the end of this document, and mail to : Dixie National Forest, Attn: Julie Whicker, 1789 N Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City UT 84721, 435-865-3716 or by email to <u>jwhicker@fs.fed.us.</u>

For information regarding the position in Cedar City, you may contact Patrick Moore at 435-865-3221 or email <u>ptmoore@fs.fed.us</u>

For information regarding the position in Escalante, you may contact Terry DeLay at 435-826-5401 or email <u>tdelay@fs.fed.us</u>

About The Dixie National Forest...



The Dixie National Forest occupies almost two million acres and stretches about 170 miles across southern Utah. The Forest straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. Elevations vary between 2,800 feet near St. George to 11,322 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. Comprising the southern rim of the Great Basin above the Colorado River, the Dixie is loved for its spectacular scenery, from high mountain meadows and lakes to multicolored cliffs and steep-walled gorges. Vegetation on the Dixie changes from sparse, desert plants at the lower elevations to stands of low-growing pinion pine and juniper dominating the mid-elevations. At higher elevations, aspen and conifers such as pine, spruce and fir predominate.

The headquarters of the Dixie National Forest is the Supervisor's Office in Cedar City. The Forest has five Ranger Districts; they are located in St. George, Cedar City, Panguitch, Escalante, and Fremont River (managed by the Fishlake National Forest). The Dixie employs about 125 permanent employees and between 100 and 150 seasonal employees.

Camping facilities are available across the Forest, and in three National Parks and two National Monuments adjacent to the Forest. The scenic beauty for which the national parks were established prevails over much of the Dixie. The Dixie has three designated wilderness areas.

About Cedar City, Utah . . .

A large number of single-family homes, condominiums, and apartments are available. Most housing sells in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range.

Health Care:

Acute care health service is available at Valley View Medical Center, a 48-bed, full service, primary-care facility with some secondary medical care services. There is also an Instacare facility.

Population and Elevation:

Population is about 32,000. Elevation is 5,800 feet.

Housing, Churches, Schools and Childcare Facilities:

Area churches represent a variety of denominations: Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Community Presbyterian Church, Baptist, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Valley Bible Church, etc. Public schools are administered by the Iron County School District and consist of seven elementary schools K through the 5th grade, two middle schools (6th and 8th grades), and two high schools (9th through 12th grades). There are also several private schools in the area. Southern Utah University is a four-year institution with master's programs in accounting and in elementary education. Associate degrees and vocational education are also available. Cedar City has several day care facilities.

The Arts, Entertainment, and Sports:

Southern Utah University (SUU) hosts the nationally acclaimed Utah Shakespearean Festival. It attracts thousands of visitors to Cedar City annually during summer and early fall. Cedar City community takes pride in being known as the "Festival City."

Cedar City is also home to the Utah Summer Games, which previews athletes for Olympic competition. SUU has a strong sports program offering football, basketball, baseball, track and field, swimming, golf, etc. Iron County boasts four museums, three libraries, the professional Shakespearean theater, three amateur theaters, and two art galleries. There is plenty of recreation in Iron County with two movie theaters, seven parks, 12 ball fields, three rodeo grounds, an 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools, fitness centers, 10 tennis courts, and bowling.

Local Climate:

The average "annual" temperature in Cedar City is 50.4 degrees; in January 41.5 degrees and 89.9 in July. The average annual precipitation is 10.6 inches with a light average snowfall of 45.4 inches. Most snowfall will come and go, with a small amount of snow pack over the winter. The sun shines often in winter.

About Escalante, Utah...

The population of Escalante is about 818, making it the second largest community in Garfield County, population 4470. The elevation is 5,700 feet.

Housing...

A small number of single-family homes are available. Houses sell for about \$80,000 and up; most are in the \$80,000 to \$150,000 range. Single family rental units are around \$450.00 per month. Government housing is not available.

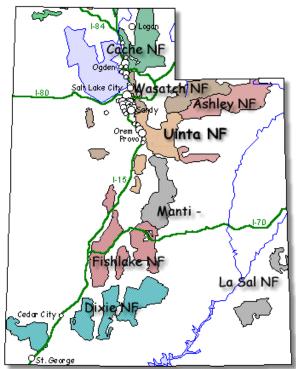
Health Care...

Garfield Memorial Kazan Clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Garfield Memorial Hospital (County hospital) is located in Panguitch, Utah, approximately 67 miles from Escalante. Both are part of the Intermountain Health Care system.

Churches, Schools and Childcare Facilities...

Area churches include Catholic (services held every other Monday), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Baptist.

Public schools are administered by the Garfield County School District. Located within town are one elementary school, K through the 6th grade, and one high school (7th through 12th grades). Southern Utah University, located 130 miles from town in Cedar City, Utah, offers Associate, Bachelor and Masters programs.



No day care facilities are available. A Head Start program is available locally.

Shopping and Other Facilities...

A small grocery store offers most every day shopping needs. A small hardware store offers agriculture and hardware products. There are numerous small, tourist specialty shops throughout the town, including several art galleries. Several motels, gas stations, and restaurants provide additional services. Other shopping needs are offered in Cedar City, Utah, population 32,000, located 130 miles to the west. A fitness center located in the high school is open to the public for a fee of \$15.00 a month.

Local Climate...

The average high and low summer temperatures in Escalante are 84 and 52 degrees. Winters are mild. The average high and low winter temperatures are 37 and 14 degrees. The average annual precipitation is about 11 inches. Most snowfall will come and go, with a small amount of snowpack over the winter. The sun shines often in winter.

Okay, so Escalante is small and remote, but it's a beautiful place to live!

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4 Dixie National Forest

Forestry Tech (Timber Sale Administrator) GS-0462-8/9/10

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Please check below to specify which location you are interested in.

 Cedar City UT _____
 Escalante UT _____
 both locations _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!