

J O B D E S C R I P T I O N

TITLE: Snow Groomer Operator

DEPARTMENT: East Bonner County Snow Grooming

GENERAL PURPOSE:

Performs a variety of skilled tasks and operates a Sno Groomer grooming forest snowmobile trails. Transports groomer with County truck and trailer, and performs general maintenance on equipment.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Works under the direction of the Groomer Supervisor and the East Bonner County Snowmobile Groomer Committee.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Pre-employment drug test required.
2. Must be able to operate a motor vehicle used for transporting groomer, and operate snow groomer with attachments. Must be able to back up truck and trailer using mirrors only, and install chains on truck and trailer tires.
3. Be able to evaluate winter mountain conditions such as weather conditions, oncoming storms, and avalanche danger. Be able to determine when conditions are not safe and return back to trailhead.
4. Must be able to identify and use standard hand tools and mechanized equipment used for maintenance and repair operations. Must be able to fill diesel fuel tanks and transfer fuel to equipment.
5. Have and maintain a valid CDL license.
6. Good physical condition and stamina to perform a variety of physical work, such as shoveling snow.
7. Ability to read and use maps.
8. Ability to use cellular and satellite phones.
9. Maintain a home phone in working order for the duration of employment.
10. Be able to operate a chainsaw.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Operate a sno groomer and attachments; operate transport truck with trailer; install tire chains when necessary.
2. Operate a variety of light equipment such as pickup trucks, compressors, chain saws.
3. Determine when to stop grooming and return to trailhead when snow conditions, weather conditions or avalanche danger warrant.
4. Check on updates on avalanche conditions provided by the Forest Service.
5. Make certain survival pack is ALWAYS in groomer before starting. (Survival pack contains extra boots, coats, gloves, socks, etc.) This is for the use of the groomer operator or someone that the groomer operator comes across in need of the gear.
6. Perform preventive maintenance work on equipment and vehicles such as oil changes, filters, fan belts, greasing, tire changes. Replace parts as necessary, and advise supervisor of any suspected problems with equipment.
7. Able to work unsupervised in remote winter mountain conditions.
8. Check in with supervisor at end of each work day to advise that groomer operator is back safe.
9. Any such other operations as directed or determined by the Groomer Supervisor and East Bonner County Groomer Committee.

INFORMATION:

Will be required to work in all types of weather conditions, i.e. rain, snow, dust, cold, and wind under hazardous conditions, i.e. low visibility, slick and obstructed roads, in considerable noise around operating equipment and in remote mountain winter conditions.

This position requires physically demanding tasks such as removing downed trees, lifting and carrying heavy objects, shoveling snow.

Employee shall be subject to random drug testing as determined by East Bonner County Groomer Committee.