



Snow Cat Groomer Operator

Job Description

The Fernie Snowmobile Association is seeking qualified snow cat groomer operators for the upcoming 2023-2024 winter season. Reporting to the Grooming and Maintenance Committees, our snow cat groomer operators will play an integral role in the provision of a safe, enjoyable backcountry trail network for residents and visitors in the Elk Valley. This position requires an experienced operator who can work independently in a variable, backcountry, winter work environment while adhering to safe work procedures and organization guidelines.

Hours

This seasonal position requires a flexible shift pattern and hours to meet trail use needs. Hours will vary between 30 – 40 hours per week on a 3-4 day / week scheduled grooming pattern. Shifts may be adjusted due to weather and trail use needs.

Wage

\$25 – \$35 per hour dependant on experience

Responsibilities

- Adhere to safe work procedures, standard operating procedures, and safety legislation
- Perform equipment inspections and basic equipment maintenance
- Reporting unusual conditions, noises, or trail concerns to Committee Leads in timely fashion
- Complete accurate logs and grooming activity reports
- Safe operation of grooming equipment (BR 350, BR 180, tiller, c-bar, front blade)
- Effective communications as a representative of the Fernie Snowmobile Association
- Other tasks as required such as inspection of cabins and staging facilities, collection of garbage

Qualifications

- Avalanche Skills Training Level 1 at minimum
- Valid driver's license, ability to drive on winter backcountry road to groomer storage facility
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Able to work night shifts and sit for long periods of time, up to 8 hours
- Experience with radio communications, personal locator beacons
- Previous experience operating snow cat groomer
- Mechanical aptitude with experience in performance of light maintenance and troubleshooting
- Ability to work in an isolated, outdoor, winter environment with variable weather conditions and terrain

To Apply

Please forward a letter of introduction and resume detailing your experience and qualifications to info@ferniesnowmobile.com. Closing date October 22, 2023.