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Job Posting Ditch Rider

The Church Ditch Water Authority is seeking a highly motivated, self-starter to fill the position of Ditch Rider. The Ditch Rider position is a physically demanding manual labor and customer service position. This position performs a variety of tasks which may require the use of hand tools, light and heavy equipment in the maintenance and operation of the Church Ditch. This position may require interaction with the public, and a significant amount of independent work. The person in this position will need to work unsupervised and exercise sound judgment and have strong interpersonal skills.

The Church Ditch Water Authority (CDWA) is a historic ditch company that has been serving the northwest metro area since the late 1800s. CDWA provides water to various municipal agencies as well as agricultural irrigators.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Work with General Manager and Superintendent of Ditch Operations on daily ditch maintenance and operation activities.
2. Adjust headgate deliveries (at the river and inch-holder gates) as determined by the General Manager and the State Engineer's office.
3. Maintain, operate and clean ditch structures.
4. Remove vegetation by mowing, brush cutting, tree removal, herbicide application or other means to maintain sufficient flow in the ditch.
5. Operate and maintain CDWA equipment necessary to perform ditch maintenance activities.
6. Identify and remove any illegal activities on the ditch, including structures built on the ditch easement, water theft, and vandalism.
7. Observe storm flow events and respond as needed to shut down Church Ditch headgates to eliminate inflow or operate flush structures to divert excess storm flows as necessary to protect ditch integrity.
8. Respond quickly to emergencies to aid the Superintendent and General Manager.
9. Communicate, as needed, with homeowners, inch-holders, and the public about ditch related activities.

Education and Experience

1. Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Minimum of 1 year of experience in construction, ditch operations, parks or grounds maintenance
3. Must possess or be willing to obtain a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by the State of Colorado with a good driving record.
4. Ability to operate hand tools that include, mowers, brushcutters, chainsaws, etc.
5. Ability to use basic office equipment including, but not limited to: a computer with internet, tablets, cellular phone, copy machine, fax machine, printer, etc.

Additional Requirements

Must be available for 24 hour on-call during irrigation season and year-round for Woman Creek Reservoir Authority.

As directed by the General Manager or Superintendent, respond to emergencies in inclement weather, night, weekends, and holidays.

A pre-employment drug screening, physical and background check will be required.

Work will require periodic heavy lifting.

Salary and Benefits

Starting salary will range from \$75,000 to \$85,000/year and is determined based on the successful candidate's qualifications.

The Church Ditch Water Authority provides employees with health, dental, and life insurance benefits, as well as a 401k retirement plan. All employees receive a generous paid time off package including major holidays.

To apply for the position, please submit a resume and cover letter documenting qualifications as they pertain to this position. Resume and cover letter can be submitted by e-mail to nmccoy@churchditch.org or by US Postal Service to 14025 W 82nd Ave. Arvada, CO 80005. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.