AIRCRAFT PILOT

General Summary
Pilots and navigates the flight of single or multi-engine fixed-wing or helicopter aircraft in regularly scheduled service for the transport of passengers and cargo or in the service of wildlife and natural resources administration.

Aircraft Pilot
Jobcode: W20111
Pay Band: 80
FLSA Status: Exempt

Distinguishing Characteristics
Positions allocated to this classification function in one of the following capacities: (1) as a transportation pilot located at the General Services Department primarily responsible for providing personnel transportation services or (2) at the Department of Game and Fish is primarily responsible for utilizing department aircraft in the accomplishment of missions for various departmental programs (i.e., fish, wildlife, law enforcement, etc.,) and may transport personnel.

Recommended Education and Experience for Full Performance
Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Wildlife Management or related degree in Aviation or Natural Resource Management, Commercial Pilot's License and at least four (4) years of experience piloting single and/or multi-engine fixed wing aircraft or helicopters and completion of 2,500 flight hours, not less than 200 hours of which must have been gained within the last two years.

Minimum Qualifications
The educational equivalent of an Associate's Degree in Aviation, Natural Resource Management or related degree in Aviation or Natural Resource Management, Commercial Pilot's License and at least two (2) years of experience piloting single and/or multi-engine fixed wing aircraft or helicopters and completion of 1,000 flight hours, not less than 200 hours of which must have been gained within the last two years. Any combination of education from an accredited college or university in a related field and/or direct experience in this occupation totaling four (4) years may substitute for the required education and experience.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities*
- Plans and schedules flights for state personnel (including identification of experienced observers and programming/maintaining aerial telemetry equipment).
- Evaluates current and forecasted weather conditions prior to and during flights as well as other information relating to the safe conduct of flights.
- Performs skilled work in piloting aircraft for aerial mapping, photography runs, low level hazardous mountainous terrain, and forested areas, road location reconnaissance, and passenger flights.
- Assigns aircraft engine airframe maintenance to licensed aircraft mechanics.
- Coordinates statewide aerial telemetry and perform wildlife surveys within a limited timeframe to include identification and scheduling of observers and maintaining aerial telemetry equipment.
- Works with resource division and law enforcement staff to conduct aerial surveys of wildlife populations to assess population status.
- Provides aerial support to law enforcement staff for special operations documenting illegal activities.
- Provides information on costs of operation, maintenance and equipment replacement for budgetary preparation.
- May train pilots in the safety and execution of assigned flights.

Bargaining Unit:

Statutory Requirements: Must be in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 14, Chapter I, Subchapter G, Part 119, Subpart B, §119.23(b) and all applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.

Conditions of Employment: N/A

Working Conditions: This position may involve work after normal hours and exposure to dangerous conditions. Incumbent may work under stress and frequent time constraints.

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*Essential Duties and Responsibilities are intended to be cumulative for each progressively higher level of work. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning other duties which are reasonably within the scope of duties. Classification description subject to change. Please refer to SPO website (www.spo.state.nm.us) to ensure this represents the most current copy of the position.