



Irving Thorne

Lead Operator

Holding an NCCER Heavy Equipment Operations Credential and 12 years of experience running bulldozers, excavators, graders, and roller compactors on earthwork and pipeline projects, with 4,380 incident-free operating hours logged over 24 months. Trained 7 crew members on bulldozer, excavator, and grader operations and counseled workers on OSHA excavation standards, cutting repeat safety violations from 6 per quarter to 1. Operated a bulldozer with GPS grade control monitors to finish rough grade on a \$2.25M retention basin.

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Education

AAS in Heavy Equipment Operator

Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND | 2022 – 2024

Key Skills

- Bulldozer Operation
- Excavator Operation
- GPS Grade Control Monitors
- Roller / Compactor Operation
- OSHA Compliance
- Crew Training and Mentoring
- Pre-Shift Inspections
- Hand and Audio Signal Coordination
- Grader Operation
- Microsoft Excel

Professional Experience

LEAD OPERATOR | BADLANDS PRAIRIE CONTRACTORS LLC, WATFORD CITY, ND 2020 – PRESENT

- Trained 7 crew members on bulldozer, excavator, and grader operations, bringing each operator to independent proficiency within 14 days of hands-on instruction.
- Counseled 8 workers on PPE use and OSHA excavation standards after near-miss observations, reducing repeat safety violations from 6 per quarter to 1.
- Logged 4,380 incident-free operating hours over 24 months while clearing right-of-way and building access roads for pipeline staging areas.
- Coordinated machine movements with ground crews using hand and audio signals, positioning loads for 4 concurrent bulldozer and scraper operations on a county road project.
- Operated a bulldozer with GPS grade control monitors to mix and place sludge-stabilized subgrade on a \$2.25M retention basin, finishing rough grade in 11 days.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | MISSOURI PLATEAU EARTHWORKS INC., WILLISTON, ND 2016 – 2020

- Accumulated 3,170 incident-free operating hours across 3 consecutive years running an excavator and front-end loader on commercial site preparation projects.
- Counseled 5 newer operators on pre-shift inspection procedures and load-limit protocols, cutting hydraulic-system breakdowns by \$3,610 in annual repair costs.
- Operated a bulldozer to clear 9 acres of brush and strip topsoil for a parking lot expansion, completing earthwork 2 days ahead of the site schedule.
- Responded to hand signals from spotters to position off-road dump trucks under the excavator bucket, averaging 38 cycles per hour with zero contact incidents.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR | YELLOWSTONE BEND GRADING CO., SIDNEY, MT 2014 – 2016

- Operated a bulldozer to trim backfills along a 2.3-mile county road reconstruction, maintaining finished surfaces within 0.05 feet of design elevation.
- Counseled 3 laborers on safe work-zone positioning around active grading equipment, contributing to 1,240 incident-free operating hours over 14 months.
- Positioned a roller compactor in response to crew audio signals, compacting select fill in 8-inch lifts across 870 linear feet of roadway per day.

Certifications

- NCCER Heavy Equipment Operations Credential, National Center for Construction Education and Research, 2016