

# Outreach Notice – Seasonal Recreation Positions Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Northern Region



The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest will be looking to fill numerous vacancies in a variety of seasonal Recreation, Wilderness and Trails positions, with possible duty locations of Philipsburg, Wisdom, Dillon, Whitehall, Ennis, or Butte, Montana. A valid driver's license is required. Government housing *may* be available. Open positions are for grades GS-462-03, GS-462-04, and GS-462-05. Pay grades depends on experience; you must apply for **each grade/pay level and each duty station** you wish to be considered for. Please see the chart below for the specific positions and duty station locations.

#### TO APPLY:

- 1) Go to https://www.usajobs.gov. You must set up and have a USAJOBS profile.
  - a) Search/locate the Open and Continuous announcement number.
  - b) Select position(s) and location(s) you are interested in and begin the application process.
- 2) Complete and submit your application prior to March 31, 2013.

POSITION	OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT (OCR) ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	DUTY LOCATION
Forestry Aid (General)	TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT	Philipsburg, Wisdom, Dillon, Whitehall, Ennis, Butte
Forestry Technician (Recreation)	TEMPOCR-462-4-REC-DT TEMPOCR-462-5-REC-DT	Phillipsburg, Wisdom, Dillon, Whitehall, Ennis, Butte
Forestry Technician (Wilderness)	TEMPOCR-462-04-WLDN-DT TEMPOCR-462-05-WLDN-DT	Philipsburg, Wisdom, Ennis
Forestry Technician (Trails)	TEMPOCR-0462-4-TRAILS-DT TEMPOCR-0462-5-TRAILS-DT	Philipsburg, Wisdom, Dillon, Whitehall, Ennis, Butte

### For position information, applicants may contact:

**Philipsburg positions:** 

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**Wisdom and Dillon positions:** 

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**Butte/Whitehall positions:** 

Jocelyn Dodge 406-494-0246 <u>jdodge@fs.fed.us</u>

**Ennis positions:** 

Gordon Ash 406 682-4253 **gash@fs.fed.us** 

#### **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest at 3.3 million acres is the largest forest in Region 1. Located in Southwest Montana and straddling the Continental Divide, the Beaverhead-Deerlodge contains a variety of habitats, ranging from timbered mountains and jagged granite peaks, to open, rolling sagebrush expanses. There are seven Ranger Districts with a diverse and challenging work program that focuses primarily on range management, recreation opportunities, timber harvest and mineral extraction. Southwest Montana and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest are known for outstanding elk hunting and blue ribbon trout streams. Check the Forest web site at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf">www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf</a>

Recreational pursuits include hunting, especially for elk, but also for bighorn sheep, mountain goats, moose, pronghorn antelope, whitetail deer, and mule deer. Southwest Montana boasts world-renowned trout streams, including the Beaverhead, Big Hole, and Madison Rivers. Many campgrounds and lakes dot the mountains, offering camping opportunities. Ice fishing is a popular winter activity. In February, the Beaverhead Search & Rescue sponsors its annual ice fishing derby at Clark Canyon Reservoir where a couple thousand participants vie to catch the biggest fish. The Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness lies in the northwestern corner of the forest, and many areas in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest, though lacking official wilderness designation, provide a rugged wilderness experience. Off-road vehicle travel and horseback riding opportunities abound on the many trails and routes on public lands.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNITIES:**

**Philipsburg:** The community of Philipsburg is located in Granite County, on Montana Highway No. 1. The population of Philipsburg is 990, and the population of Granite County is 2,700. It lies in the beautiful Flint Creek Valley of Southwestern Montana at 5,280 feet (one mile high). Summer temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees, while winter lows can drop to -30 degrees on occasion. An average precipitation total per year is 14.57 inches. Winters can last from late October until mid-May, with rain showers in April, May, and June. Warmer temperatures usually start in late June and can continue into October. The Flint Creek Range, Anaconda-Pintler Range, Sapphire Range, and the John Long Mountains surround Philipsburg. These mountain areas provide numerous summer and winter sport activities. For more information about Philipsburg, you can visit the following website: http://www.philipsburgmt.com

Wisdom: Wisdom (population 100-150, surrounding valley 150-200) is located in the beautiful Big Hole Valley of southwestern Montana at 6000 feet. The climate is cool. Summer temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees while winter lows will drop to -30 to -50 degrees. Winters in the Big Hole begin in late October and last until mid-May, with an accumulation of 1-2 feet of snow in Wisdom by the end of March. There is a wide variety of winter activities for people to enjoy, including snowmobiling, and cross-country and downhill skiing. Lost Trail Ski area is a 45-minute drive and has some of the best powder skiing in Montana for reasonable prices. Schools are grades K-8, with two teachers and up to 20 students. Housing purchases and sales are limited. A trip to a nearby community is needed to see a doctor, dentist or seek other medical treatment. The community is served by a volunteer fire department and ambulance service. There is one grocery store open all year. Most people travel to nearby communities to shop. There is one gas station and one garage in the community. There is one restaurant and two bars. There are several churches in the community, and the churches are rather small but try hard to be responsive to the needs of the community.

**Dillon:** Dillon (population 4000), the county seat of Beaverhead County (population 9,200), lies in Southwest Montana along the Beaverhead River and Interstate 15. Another 1,400 students attend Western Montana College. Dillon has grocery stores, several pharmacies, a newly constructed full-service hospital, several nursing homes, many physicians, many churches, a radio station, a weekly newspaper, and a fine school system. The county is home to two high schools located in Dillon and Lima. Commercial airline service is located in Butte, Bozeman, and Idaho Falls. Average precipitation ranges from 10 inches in Dillon to over 50 inches in the mountains along the Continental Divide, two-thirds of which comes in the form of snow. The average January temperature is 21 degrees. Temperatures below zero are not unusual, but typically don't stay that low for more than a few weeks at a time. July's average daily high temperature is 84 degrees, with occasional hot days over 90. The annual average high is 43 degrees.

**Butte:** The population of Butte is approximately 34,000. The elevation of Butte is 5,280. The summer daytime temperatures are around 60-90 degrees, averaging 68 during the day and 45-50 in the evenings. The daytime winter temperatures average 20-25 degrees, however, it still can go well below zero. The housing market has plenty to offer although rentals are limited. Rental rates for an average 1-bedroom apartment range from \$300 to \$500/month. A three-bedroom rental ranges from \$700 – \$1,100/month. Purchase price for a 3-bedroom home averages from \$125,000 and up. Butte has a public K-12 school system, as well as two privately run religious schools (one Catholic, one non-denominational Christian). Montana Tech offers degrees in many areas with national recognition in the engineering practicums. St. James Healthcare offers all medical services to the community. Medical clinics, outpatient surgical centers, and immediate medical care clinics are located throughout the medical district. Dentists, orthodontists, and other specialty services are available in the medical sector. Butte has 6-8 full time professional day care facilities in the city, including two day care facilities for infants. There is a shopping mall and many specialty shops throughout Butte. There are several museums, art galleries, and antique shops located in Historic Uptown Butte.

Whitehall: The community of Whitehall (population 1,442; Jefferson County 10,049) is located in Jefferson County, on Interstate 90. It lies in the beautiful Jefferson Valley of Southwestern Montana at 4,351 feet. Summer temperatures rarely exceed 100 degrees while average winter lows will range from 0-30 degrees and occasionally drop below the zero mark. An average precipitation total per year is 11.5 inches. Winters can last from late October until mid-May, with rain showers in April, May and June. Whitehall School offers grades K-12. Houses are available ranging from \$125,000 to \$400,000. Very few rentals are available. Facilities include a public library, medical clinic with two doctors and two dentists, optometrist, two physical therapy clinics, massage therapy school, chiropractic clinic, senior citizen center, and a senior assisted living facility. There are churches of all major denominations.

**Ennis:** Ennis (population 860) is a full-service community with a hospital, K-12 schools, grocery stores, pharmacy, restaurants, several motels, banks, a library, and several small businesses. Outdoor recreational opportunities are outstanding and include hunting, fishing, hiking, off-highway vehicle travel, camping, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Ennis is 55 miles from Bozeman (population 40,000), home of Montana State University and the state's busiest airport. The west entrance to Yellowstone National Park is 90 miles away.

## OUTREACH INTEREST FORM Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Voluntary response "This is not an application to any current vacancies"

If you wish to express interest in this position, please complete this voluntary Outreach Interest Form and email to any of the contacts listed above. **Interested applicants still need to apply to the identified OCR for position of interest.** 

NAME:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
MAILING ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:USFSBLMOTHER
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT TEMPORARY TERM   VRA PWD OTHER
CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT:
CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE:
CURRENT POSITION TITLE:
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH?:
IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL
AUTHORITIES:
PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
VETERANS READJUSTMENT
DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
OTHER

Submission of this form is voluntary – Thanks for your interest!