Publication Mapping
Northern Region

SERVICES:

Produce digital and hardcopy publication maps for external sale and internal use. These maps provide the public with information on locations and access to all the recreation activities and facilities. Our 15 proclaimed National Forests provide, fighting wild fires, forest planning, managing both wildlife and timber within the forests, and provide historical archives documenting the changes in ownership, access, and facilities of our forests through time.

Provide interdisciplinary staff areas in the region with specialty map products to tell the Forest Service story, such as showing the adjacency of public lands in the entire region or producing maps of record for Congressionally designated areas including Wild and Scenic Rivers and Wilderness.

Distribute digital versions of all of our new maps to support various activities on the forest, including wildland fire support, field site visit planning and general navigation. Downloadable digital maps that can be used on your smart phone or tablet are for sale to the public on platforms such as Avenza Maps.

PRODUCTS:

The Northern Region has been publishing maps in Missoula since 1905. We currently publish 42 maps, which include 13 wilderness areas and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. Our wilderness areas are both large and small, close to populated areas and extremely remote. The Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness are 1.5 million and 1.3 million acres respectively and our smallest, the Welcome Creek Wilderness is 28,155 acres.

We map approximately 56 million acres and our Forests and Grasslands cover most of western Montana, northern Idaho, along with several forests and grasslands scattered across central and eastern Montana, along with western North and South Dakota. These Forests and Grasslands provide recreational opportunities that vary from open grasslands to rugged mountains. Our maps are published in both ½ inch and 1 inch to the mile depending on Forest, and are available at our District and Forest offices across the Region or online at the Forest Service Map Store with digital copies available through the Avenza Map Store.

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