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District

# Custer Gallatin National Forest Fact Sheet

*To sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.*

Encompassing more than 3.1 million acres and stretching across seven ranger districts the Custer Gallatin National Forest is known as one of the most ecologically diverse landscapes in the Northern Region stretching across Montana and portions of the Dakotas.

## Ranger Districts and Forest offices:

- Ashland R.D., Ashland, MT
- Beartooth R.D., Red Lodge, MT
- Bozeman R.D., Bozeman, MT
- Gardiner R.D., Gardiner, MT
- Hebgen Lake R.D., West Yellowstone, MT
- Sioux R.D., Camp Crook, SD
- Yellowstone R.D., Livingston, MT
- Billings office & Big Timber Work Center

With three gateway communities to Yellowstone National Park, the Custer Gallatin National Forest is one of the most visited National Forests in Montana and among the top in the Nation.

- ❖ Over 1 million acres of Wilderness between the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

- ❖ Rugged mountains, including Granite Peak, the tallest in Montana at 12,799 ft., the Absaroka-Beartooth is home to the 41 highest peaks in Montana.
- ❖ Thousands of alpine lakes, 10 major sub-alpine tundra plateaus, and over 3600 miles of trails.
- ❖ Home to Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, providing interpretive services to over 50,000 annually about the 1959 earthquake, strongest in the Rocky Mountains.
- ❖ Remote buttes and bluffs of the Sioux & Ashland Districts; the Ashland district alone encompasses one of the Northern Region's largest grazing programs and one of the top in the Nation.
- ❖ An active partner in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, one of the world's largest remaining nearly intact temperate ecosystems.

