

The Flathead High School Natural Resources of Montana Class Learn Fire Management from Flathead National Forest Employees



Fire management representatives from the Flathead National Forest visited the Natural Resources of Montana class at Flathead High School during their February session. They provided information on fire management, including dispatch, hotshot and engine crews, fuels, aviation, and fire careers. On March 4th, the students traveled to the Hungry Horse/Glacier View Ranger District for a tour of the facilities where they learned about daily tasks of fire crews, weather stations, and some of the commonly used gear and equipment. They also had the opportunity to see wildland fire engines and all-terrain vehicles commonly used in firefighting.

The Natural Resources of Montana class that Flathead High School offers each year takes a close look at the natural resources of our great state and the jobs that preserve it. The class is structured so that students can explore as much or as little about a topic as they want to, so if the students are particularly interested in a topic the class can take more time for it. Guest speakers from the valley come in and speak about their specific job and how they manage the resources regularly. The students get to ask them questions and have discussion about the job and resources they manage. The best part about this structure is when the speakers come in they can encourage the students to apply for jobs or seek further education to prepare for jobs in their field. The students have the chance to fill out applications and in the past have received jobs during the summer and after high school.

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