



Outreach



**Bitterroot National Forest
Fire Management
2021 Temporary (1039) Hiring Needs Outreach**

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The Bitterroot National Forest will soon be advertising to fill multiple temporary seasonal positions in fire management for the 2021 fire season. Openings are available at the GS-2, GS-3, GS-4, and GS-5 levels. These are TEMPORARY SEASONAL wildland fire positions with a maximum six month tour schedule (not to exceed 1039 hours). The anticipated start date for these positions ranges from early May to early June, 2021. Employees who are students generally work through the end of August, while others may work as late as October.

The Vacancy Announcements for these positions will be open from

October 1st – October 10th, 2020

Positons included in this outreach:

Supervisor's Office, Hamilton, MT (the Dispatch Center is located at the Supervisor's Office and Aviation resources are located at the Hamilton Airport on the east side of Hamilton. No government housing available.)

| Job Title | Pay Plan-Series-Grade | Announcement # | Hiring Manager |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Forestry Technician (Helitack) | GS-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0199-4DT-DH | John McKee 406-361-3251 jmckee@fs.fed.us Cory Rennaker 406-361-3252 crennaker@fs.fed.us |
| Forestry Technician (Helitack) | GS-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2022-5DT-DH | John McKee 406-361-3251 jmckee@fs.fed.us Cory Rennaker 406-361-3252 crennaker@fs.fed.us |
| Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatcher) | GS-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0935-4DT-DH | Kelly McKee (406) 363-7129 kelly.mckee@usda.gov |
| | GS-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0936-5DT-DH | |

Stevensville Ranger District, Stevensville, MT (located in the northern Bitterroot Valley and about 20 miles south of Missoula, MT – the fire organization includes a Type 4 and Type 6 engine module and 1 lookout. Government housing is available.)

| Job Title | Pay Plan-Series-Grade | Announcement # | Hiring Manager |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Forestry Technician (FUELS) | Gs—0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0911-4DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0912-5DT-DHY | |
| Forestry Technician (LOOKOUT) | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2856-4DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3451-5DT-DH | |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-3 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3867-3DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3868-3DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3869-3DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-02 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-4136-2DT-DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |

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| Forestry Technician (Fire Suppressor Crew Member) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1476-4DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Engine Senior Firefighter) | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1477-5DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Hotshot/Handcrew) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2036-4DH | Benji Hegg 406-239-1475 Benji.hegg@usda.gov Scott Suko 406-777-7451 scott.a.suko@usda.gov |

Darby Ranger / Sula District, Darby, MT (located in the central part of the Bitterroot Valley and about 18 miles south of Hamilton, MT – the fire organization includes a Type 4 and Type 6 engine module and 1 lookout. Government housing is available.)

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|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Forestry Technician (FUELS) | Gs—0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0911-4DT-DH | Richard Griffin 406-821-4255 richard.griffin@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0912-5DT-DHY | Scott Bogan 406-821-2332 Scott.bogan@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (LOOKOUT) | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2856-4DT-DH | Richard Griffin 406-821-4255 richard.griffin@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3451-5DT-DH | Scott Bogan 406-821-2332 Scott.bogan@usda.gov |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-3 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3867-3DT-DH | Richard Griffin 406-821-4255 richard.griffin@usda.gov Scott Bogan 406-821-2332 Scott.bogan@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3868-3DT-DH | Richard Griffin 406-821-4255 richard.griffin@usda.gov Scott Bogan 406-821-2332 Scott.bogan@usda.gov Jay Wood 406-821-4253 John.d.wood@usda.gov |
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| Forestry Technician (Engine Senior Firefighter) | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1477-5DH | Richard Griffin 406-821-4255 richard.griffin@usda.gov Scott Bogan 406-821-2332 Scott.bogan@usda.gov |
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West Fork Ranger District, Darby, MT (located in the west fork of the Bitterroot Valley about 18 miles southwest of Darby, MT – the fire organization includes a 10-Person IA hand crew, a Type 6 engine module, and 4 lookouts. Government housing is available.)

| Job Title | Pay Plan-Series-Grade | Announcement # | Hiring Manager |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Forestry Technician (FUELS) | Gs—0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0911-4DT-DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0912-5DT-DHY | Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (LOOKOUT) | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2856-4DT-DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3451-5DT-DH | Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-3 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3867-3DT-DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3868-3DT-DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
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| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-02 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-4136-2DT-DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |

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| Forestry Technician (Fire Suppressor Crew Member) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1476-4DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Engine Senior Firefighter) | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1477-5DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Hotshot/Handcrew) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2036-4DH | Bret Lewis 406-821-1247 bret.lewis@usda.gov Todd Burbridge 406-821-1220 Todd.a.burbridge@usda.gov William Hall 406-821-1246 William.hall@usda.gov |

Trapper Creek Job Corp Center, Darby, MT (located in the west fork of the Bitterroot Valley about 11 miles southwest of Darby, MT- the fire organization includes an AFMO that manages students who support Initial Attack on the forest and large fire suppression across the country. Government housing may be available.)

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| Forestry Technician (FUELS) | Gs—0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0911-4DT-DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-0912-5DT-DHY | |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-3 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3867-3DT-DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3868-3DT-DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3869-3DT-DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Aid | Gs-0462-02 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-4136-2DT-DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Fire Suppressor Crew Member) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1476-4DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Engine Senior Firefighter) | Gs-0462-05 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1477-5DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Hotshot/Handcrew) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-2036-4DH | Craig McDonald 406-821-2159 craig.mcdonald@usda.gov |

Bitterroot Interagency Hotshot Crew, Darby, MT (located on the Darby Ranger District of the Bitterroot Valley, the organization includes an organized Type I National Resource firefighting crew. Government housing may be available.)

| Job Title | Pay Plan-Series-Grade | Announcement # | Hiring Manager |
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| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-4 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3868-3DT-DH | Jay Wood 406-821-4253 john.d.wood@usda.gov |

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| Forestry Technician | Gs-0462-5 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-3869-3DT-DH | Jay Wood 406-821-4253 john.d.wood@usda.gov Cache Gibbons 406-821-4276 Chache.v.gibbons@usda.gov |
| Forestry Technician (Fire Suppressor Crew Member) | Gs-0462-04 | 21-TEMPF3-R1-1476-4DH | Jay Wood 406-821-4253 john.d.wood@usda.gov Cache Gibbons 406-821-4276 Chache.v.gibbons@usda.gov |
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Outreach Response

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact the Hiring Manager(s) listed above no later than **Oct 10th, 2020**.

HOW TO APPLY

TEMPORARY POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED USING REGIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (JOA). WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE TABLE ABOVE, **THE SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN USAJOBS UNTIL THE JOA OPENING DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2020.**

THOSE THAT WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE POSITIONS MUST APPLY TO THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS BY **OCTOBER 10TH, 2020** AND MUST IDENTIFY THE PREFERRED DUTY LOCATION(S) THEY ARE APPLYING FOR.

THE JOA'S WILL BE OPEN FOR 10 CALENDAR DAYS ON USAJOBS FROM OCTOBER 1ST – OCTOBER 10TH, 2020. INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE AN APPLICANT PROFILE NOW AND BUILD THEIR RESUME IN USAJOBS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL IN ADVANCE OF THE JOA OPENING DATE.

The Bitterroot National Forest has an active summer fire load with a wide range of fire management approaches ranging from aggressive initial attack and large fire suppression to multiple resource objective fires with point protection, particularly in wilderness areas. In addition, the forest supports out of area fires with frequent assignments to large fires as well as IA support to other areas, primarily Region 3. Other work includes supporting an active hazardous fuels management program as well as other resource management projects.

Duties:

As a helitack, engine, or IA hand crew module crew member, you will provide support to the overall fire management program on the Bitterroot National Forest. As a Interagency Hotshot Crew member you will be available as a national type 1 resources for fire suppression. Activities for all positions would include the full range of suppression techniques, plus other duties as assigned when not on fires.

ABOUT THE AREA:

The Bitterroot Valley is a river basin about 65 miles long from north to south and as much as 10 miles wide, bordered to the west by the dramatically carved Bitterroot Mountains and to the east by the gentler Sapphire Mountains. The valley is considered the banana belt of Montana. Summer



Hamilton, MT

temperatures are warm (normally in the low 90s) and winter temperatures mild with only occasional below zero readings.

Centrally positioned along the Bitterroot River, the town of Hamilton is a full service community of over 4,000, and the surrounding immediate area of over 12,000. Hamilton is located 45 miles south of the larger college community in Missoula. Ample community and real estate information is available on the web. A good place to start is the Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce website

<http://www.bitterrootvalleychamber.com/> General housing is available from Stevensville to Conner. Housing prices range from \$130,000 to \$250,000+ for 3 bedroom/2 bath homes and rentals of that size home are from \$700 to \$1,000+. Apartment rentals are from \$300 to \$500 month for 1 bedroom and \$500 to \$600+ per month for 2 bedrooms. There is limited government housing available.

Hamilton and the surrounding communities provide several excellent dining and nightlife opportunities ranging from two popular local breweries, steakhouses, pizzerias, a sushi restaurant, sports bars and western saloon-style bars. During the summer months, there are several popular restaurants specializing in locally grown produce and meat. The towns in the Bitterroot Valley also host a variety of outdoor events, such as the Hamilton Farmer's Markets, the Darby Logger Days, and the Western Heritage Days in Stevensville (just to name a few). Missoula, located only 45 miles north on Highway 93, also offers a multitude of diverse restaurants, bars, and activities.

The southern half of the Bitterroot Valley is home to the communities of Darby, Conner and Sula. For more information on the valley schools, visit

<http://montana.schooltree.org/Ravalli-County-Schools.html> or <http://www.trulia.com/school-district/MT-Ravalli-County/Hamilton-School-District-3/>.

These small, western communities provide spectacular scenery, excellent recreation access and an enjoyable country lifestyle. The Bitterroot Valley contains 7 school districts which represent the 7 communities in the valley. The Bitterroot College Program (BCP), located in Hamilton, offers [University of Montana College of Technology \(UM-COT\)](#) courses and UM general education courses.



Darby, MT

RECREATION:

The Bitterroot Valley provides ample outdoor recreation opportunities for every outdoor enthusiast. World-class hiking trails are located only minutes from town, providing access to several choice destinations extending into the Selway-Bitterroot and Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness Areas. There are over 20 well-maintained developed campgrounds within close proximity to the Valley available for family camping and picnics. Several lakes, which are accessible by vehicle, provide a variety of motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities. The Bitterroot River and its tributaries provide excellent opportunities for floating and fishing all summer long. Big game hunting and wildlife viewing are popular activities throughout the Valley due to our abundant populations of bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, moose and mountain goats. Winter provides ample opportunities to cross-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile and downhill ski at the local ski resort, Lost Trail Powder Mountain.



The forest hosts several annual recreation events, such as the Lake Como Triathlon, the Tour of the Bitterroot Mountain Bike Ride, dog sledding, and snowmobile Fun Run.

The towns of Hamilton, Darby, Stevensville, and Corvallis have several city parks and trail systems along the Bitterroot River. There are 2 golf courses (one near Hamilton and one near Stevensville).

Indoor recreation activities in Hamilton include a bowling alley, movie theater, play house, Performing Arts Series,

a few shopping centers, and several fitness centers (one with a pool).

FOREST OVERVIEW:

The Bitterroot National Forest, its four Ranger Districts (Stevensville RD, Darby RD, Sula RD, and West Fork RD), and Trapper Creek Job Corps cover 1.6 million acres in west central Montana and Idaho.

Approximately 1,500 miles of wilderness and non-wilderness trails provide experiences for hikers, horseback riders, mountain bikers, motorcyclists and ATVs.

Approximately 50% of the Forest is designated wilderness - including portions of the Selway-Bitterroot, Frank Church River of No Return, & the Anaconda Pintler – and another 25% of the Forest is inventoried roadless. Neighboring national forests include the Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge in Region 1 and the Salmon-Challis and Payette in Region 4. The Forest lies in 3 counties, Ravalli and Missoula in Montana and Idaho County, Idaho.

The Forest has been a leader in wilderness fires for over 40 years and more than 600,000 acres of the Forest have burned since 2000. This presents a challenging mission to provide quality public access on fire-affected trails, especially in wilderness settings.



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