



OUTREACH NOTICE

Beaverhead Deerlodge
NATIONAL FOREST

Pintler Ranger District

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DISTRICT RECREATION SPECIALIST (0101/0401/0807 GS-09 PFT) Social Science Analyst/Natural Resources Specialist/Landscape Architect

The Pintler Ranger Districts, of the Beaverhead Deerlodge National Forest, is seeking to fill a **recreation specialist position**.

Anyone interested in this position should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to jdodge@fs.fed.us or cfbucha@fs.fed.us by March 24, 2015. Government housing may be available at the Pintler Ranger District in Philipsburg, Montana.

THE POSITION

The position has responsibility for the planning, implementation and administration of the district's recreation, trails, and special uses program. The position is responsible for preparing short and long range plans for the district's recreation sites, non-motorized and motorized trail uses, recreation special uses, including outfitter-guides, special recreation events, and resorts. The position is responsible for management of the district's portion of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness and coordinates with other districts responsible for its co-management. The district's winter sports program is administered by this position, including snowmobiling and cross country skiing, as well as permit administration of a downhill ski area (Discovery Basin Ski Area). The position performs and supervises routine cleaning and maintenance of the district's developed and dispersed recreation sites, rental cabins, and trails. The position develops and maintains partnerships with community and other external organizations in providing these valuable public recreation opportunities.

The position assists the District program manager in upward reporting, planning and tracking of expenditures, and ensuring that recreation data is entered into required databases. The position also participates as an interdisciplinary team member in planning activities that involving or affecting the district's recreation program or resources. The position assists in providing interpretive expertise for cultural and natural history resources on the district, and provides a variety of public information at developed recreation sites, trailheads and at the office.

This position supervises lower graded permanent and seasonal recreation-trails technicians, as well as a volunteer workforce. The number of subordinate employees is dependent on budget limitations, and may include only a few seasonal temporary employees, often augmented with volunteer crews. The position is responsible for ensuring the safe and efficient use of these

resources, as well as the district's vehicles, tools, equipment and pack-stock. Work is accomplished in both an office setting and outdoors, which can include extreme weather conditions from high heat to very cold temperatures. *The outstanding candidate will be a self-motivated "doer" of work on the ground and must possess excellent supervision and coordination skills. The outstanding candidate will also be capable of logistic and project management, must possess an understanding of forest recreation operations, and enjoy a high degree of public interactions.*

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm).

This is not a vacancy announcement. It is an outreach notice to determine the extent of our vacancy announcement. The vacancy announcement will appear on the government employment website www.usajobs.gov sometime after March, 2015. If you respond to this outreach notice, you will be notified directly when the vacancy announcement is posted.

If interested in this position, you should complete the form at the end of this outreach notice and return it as instructed. You may attach other information, such as a resume, but it is not necessary to do so, and the information will not be considered in the selection process. Only information properly posted to the vacancy announcement in www.usajobs.gov will be considered.

How to Apply: The vacancy announcement for these positions will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. **Individuals that wish to be considered for either or both positions must apply to the proper vacancy announcement on www.usajobs.gov website by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.** The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official upon closing of the vacancy announcement. All applicants found to be qualified, and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Once in USAJOBS.gov applicants will be directed how to apply by submitting their profile information in USAJOBS. Interested applicants can set up a profile in USAJOBS before the announcement is posted that will enable them to receive an email when the announcement is posted. Applicants can also set up an alert on USAJOBS.gov citing the Series/Location and grade that will also notify them when the announcement is posted.

ABOUT THE BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST:

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest at 3.3 million acres is the largest forest in Montana. 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 five 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 are known for their outstanding elk hunting and famous blue-ribbon trout streams.

Recreational pursuits involve almost anything in the outdoors, including scenic driving, hiking and hunting, especially for elk. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge is a major destination for resident hunters and out-of-state hunters alike. Hunted species include elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, moose, pronghorn antelope, black bear, game birds and waterfowl. Southwest Montana also boasts world-renowned wild trout streams, including Rock Creek, Beaverhead, Big Hole, Blackfoot, Clark Fork, Jefferson and Madison Rivers, as well as a number of extraordinary tributaries. Numerous scenic lakes also dot the mountains ranges.

Both developed and dispersed camping opportunities are plentiful. The Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness lies in the northwestern corner of the Forest, the Lee Metcalf Wilderness is located on the southeastern side, and many areas throughout the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest provide rugged backcountry experiences. Off-highway vehicle travel and horseback riding opportunities abound on the many trails joining public lands. Ice fishing, snowmobiling and skiing are popular winter activities.

Southwestern Montana and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is well known for its outstanding opportunities to learn about and enjoy cultural history, including Native American culture, ranching and mining history, as well as unique and diverse geology, botany and wildlife. Historic buildings remain prominent in several towns, and several ghost towns still exist on the landscape. Crystals can be recreationally mined at Crystal Park located on the Dillon Ranger District, and sapphires and rubies can be found at a commercial facility in Philipsburg; thousands of people enjoy these and other rock-hounding activities on the Forest each year. The Pioneer Scenic Byway and traverses through the Dillon Ranger District and adjacent Wise River Ranger District, and the Pintler Veteran's Memorial Scenic Highway travels through the Pintler Ranger District.

Southwestern Montana's communities, including the duty station at Philipsburg, host several cultural events throughout the year including a variety of festivals, parades, concerts, tours, and races.

Check the Forest web site at: <http://fs.usda.gov/bdnf> and the Official Montana State Travel Site at: <http://visitmt.com/>

PHILIPSBURG DUTY STATION and RECREATION PROGRAM:

The Pintler Ranger District is approximately 960,000 acres of NFS Lands. The district recreation program includes a heavy workload in developed and dispersed recreation, trails, travel management, wilderness management and recreation special uses. This position will manage: 5 fee concessionaire permit campgrounds, 9 non-fee campgrounds, 4 boat launches, 5 fishing access sites, 5 picnic sites, 6 rental cabins (with 4 future proposed cabins), 2 snow shelters, 93 miles of wilderness trails, 316 miles of summer trails outside the wilderness, 19 miles of cross-country ski trails, and 164 miles of snowmobile trails. This position is also responsible for the administration of 9 outfitter-guide permits, 98 recreation residences, several annual recreation

events, 1 organization camp, 3 marinas, 3 boat docks, and 1 ski area. A permitted concessionaire manages 5 larger campgrounds, located primarily around Georgetown Lake, which is a major recreation destination on the Forest, both summer and winter. Recreation residence administration, largely sited along the shores of Georgetown and Echo Lakes, also comprises a considerable workload.

Segments of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail are located on the Pintler Ranger District. In addition, the District manages 43,000 acres of the Anaconda-Pintler (A-P) Wilderness. Management of the A-P is shared with three other Ranger Districts on 2 forests (the Bitterroot and the B-D).

ABOUT THE PHILIPSBURG COMMUNITY:

The community of Philipsburg is located in Granite County, on Montana Highway 1. 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 their website at <http://philipsburgmt.com>.

Populations: Philipsburg – 820, Granite County – 2700

Services: K-12 school district, 1-Hospital with nursing home, medical clinic and dental services, 1-bank, 2-garages, 1-grocery store, 4 restaurants, 2-coffee shops, 1-credit card gas station, 1-gas station/convenience store/bar and food service, 1-laundromat, 3-gem/jewelry shops, 1-thrift shop, 2-beauty parlors, 1-photo shop, 1- veterinarian, 1-body shop, 1-motorcycle/snowmobile shop, 3-bars, 1-brew pub, 1-candy store/factory, a library, gift shops, real estate offices, repair shops, bookkeeping and tax services, newspaper office, historic Opera House Theatre, and museum.



Recreation: If you are into outdoor recreation, this area offers multiple year round opportunities. WINTER – snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, ice-skating, snow shoeing, SUMMER/FALL – hunting, hiking, fishing, ATV’ing, boating, camping, wildlife viewing, horseback riding and mountain biking. In addition, the Town Park offers playground equipment, a track, tennis courts and basketball courts. There is also an outdoor ice skating rink complete with clubhouse and zamboni. Philipsburg is host to Flint Creek Valley Days in July and the popular Philipsburg Summer Concert in August. *Philipsburg was named “Best Gateway Community” at the 2014 Governor’s Conference on Tourism and Recreation. It was also named*

the “Coolest Town to Live in the Past” by Men’s Journal, a “Best Secret Ski Town in North America” by National Geographic and one of “America’s Prettiest Painted Places.”

Recreation Areas: Discovery Basin Ski Area – about 19 miles from Philipsburg; Georgetown Lake/Campgrounds – about 12 miles from Philipsburg; Rock Creek – a blue ribbon trout stream about 12 miles West of Philipsburg; Town Park; Granite Ghost Town–just up the road; Gem Mountain Sapphire; Skalkaho Highway; Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness, Sapphire Wilderness Study Area and portions of 11 Inventoried Roadless Areas; Yellowstone National Park –200 miles southwest of Philipsburg; Glacier National Park–213 miles north of Philipsburg.

Full-Service Communities: Butte is 65 miles to the southeast and Missoula is 80 miles to the northwest. It takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes to drive to either town. Both towns have a full range of medical services and hospitals, college or universities, cultural events, and shopping opportunities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact District Ranger Charlene Bucha at cfbucha@fs.fed.us or call the Pintler Ranger District Office at 406-859-3211 or Recreation Forester Jocelyn Dodge at jdodge@fs.fed.us or call the Butte Ranger District Office at 406-494-0246.

OUTREACH CONTACTS

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OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Position Identification			
Position Title:	District Recreation Specialist		
Series/Grade:	0101/0401/0807 GS-09 PFT--Social Science Analyst/Natural Resources Specialist/Landscape Architect		
Location:	Philipsburg, MT		
Applicant Information			
Name:		E-Mail Address:	
Mailing Address:			
Work Phone:	Alternate Phone:		
Are You a current Federal Employee?	Yes:	No:	
Type of Appointment: <small>(Career, career –conditional, Excepted)</small>			
Current Agency:			
Current Region/Forest/District:			
Current Title, Series and Grade if Applicable:			
Highest Position Held: <small>Include: Title/Series/Grade and Location</small>			
Qualifications			
<small>Briefly describe why you would be a quality candidate for this position. (feel free to attach a cover letter and resume, not required)</small>			

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- Schedule A (Person with Disability)
- Veterans Recruitment Act
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
- Other _____