



Outreach



Bitterroot National Forest

Initial Attack Dispatcher

Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office
HAMILTON, MONTANA

The Bitterroot National Forest is advertising for a GS-0462-06, 13/13, Initial Attack Dispatcher. The position is located at Hamilton, Montana. To ensure that you receive consideration, applications submitted through the online application process must be received by February 6, 2012 and list Hamilton, Montana as the preferred location/geographic choice. The OCR announcement number is OCRP-462-IADISP-5/6/7 G for government and OCRP-462-IADISP-5/6/7DP for Demo. The referral list for this position will be issued to the selecting official shortly after February 6, 2012.

The successful candidate will be responsible for:

- Receiving, processing and transmitting information critical to fire management via radios, telephones and computer terminals.
- Dispatching personnel, equipment and supplies for wildland fire suppression.
- Maintaining fire suppression data, such as weather information or locations of fire suppression resources, in computer databases.
- Maintaining fire records and fire stats as reported to dispatch office.

The candidate must be proficient in the use of WIMS, WildCad and ROSS.

The individual filling this position must meet the following FS-IFPM position requirement(s):

- Qualified as an EDRC (Dispatch Recorder) – currency not required
- 90 days of Wildland Firefighting operations experience

This position is located at the Bitterroot NF Aviation/Dispatch Facility in Hamilton, MT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Tony Lubke (tlubke@fs.fed.us), Forest Dispatcher, or Kelly McKee (kmmckee@fs.fed.us), Assistant Forest Dispatcher, at 406-363-7133.

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 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 Market, 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-](http://montana.schooltree.org/Ravalli-County-Schools.html)

[Schools.html](http://www.trulia.com/school-district/MT-Ravalli-County/Hamilton-School-District-3/) 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.



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).

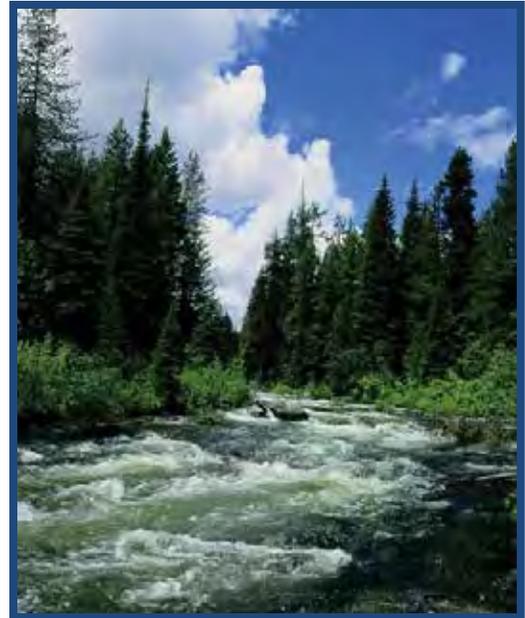
Indoor recreation activities in Hamilton include a bowling alley, movie theater, play house, Performing Arts Series, a few shopping centers, and several fitness centers (one with a pool).

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 30 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.



DATE:

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field.
Entries in check box fields are made by a single click to select or unselect. Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

Position Title:
Series/Grade:
Location:

Applicant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Title, Series, Grade _____

Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

- Series currently identified and classified
 Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

- Target grade level currently identified.
 Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
 NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity
 Term Appointment



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