

## **Temporary Employment Outreach Notice**

### **Spotted Bear Ranger District**

### **2014 Field Season**

The Spotted Bear Ranger District will be hiring employees for the 2014 field season (generally early June through late September). The remote Spotted Bear Ranger Station is located 55 miles from the nearest town of Hungry Horse, MT. Also staffed during the field season are two remote, backcountry work centers. From their respective trailheads, Schafer Meadows is an 18 mile hike, and Big Prairie is a 33 mile hike. Communal living quarters (bunkhouses) will be provided for all employees at a cost of around \$4.25 per day. Communications are limited, as there is no cell phone and limited internet service available on the Ranger District.

- The recreation positions are mostly trail crew positions to be based out of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station, or the backcountry work centers (Schafer Meadows or Big Prairie). These positions are also expected to perform basic firefighting and Wilderness Ranger duties.
- The weeds program will mainly conduct noxious weed treatments in and around the Bob Marshall Wilderness.
- Positions may be filled at the front desk of the ranger station. Main duties of this position include greeting visitors, answering phones and radios, and selling maps and Forest product permits.
- A packer may be hired to lead a full pack string to help keep our backcountry crews supplied with all their necessary gear, tools, and groceries.
- The fire program duties include wildfire suppression, fuels management, other duties as assigned, and fire tower lookout positions.

The mix of new positions will be determined by the budget and workforce turnover. All of these positions (with the exception of the front desk) require physical exertion in rough terrain. The work is performed outdoors in all weather conditions including rain, snow, and summer heat.

One or more positions may be filled for the following Job Openings:

#### **Trails/Recreation/ Wilderness**

GS0462 02 Forestry Aid (general)  
GS0462 03 Forestry Aid (general)  
GS0462 04 Forestry Technician (Recreation)  
GS0462 04 Forestry Technician (Wilderness)  
GS0462 04 Forestry Technician (Trails)  
GS0462 05 Forestry Technician (Recreation)  
GS0462 05 Forestry Technician (Wilderness)  
GS0462 05 Forestry Technician (Trails)

#### **Contact:**

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or

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## Range/Weed Management

GS0455 03 Range Technician  
GS0455 04 Range Technician  
GS0455 05 Range Technician

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## Visitor Contact/Frontliner

GS0326 03 Office Automation Clerk  
GS0326 04 Office Automation Clerk

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## Animal Packer

Series and grade to be determined contact Deb Mucklow (above) for more information

## Fire Management

GS 0462 02 Forestry Aid (fire)  
GS 0462 03 Forestry Aid (fire)  
GS 0462 04 Forestry Technician (engine)  
GS 0462 04 Forestry Technician (Hand crew/ Hotshot)  
GS 0462 04 Forestry Technician (Lookout)  
GS 0462 04 Forestry Technician (engine)  
GS 0462 05 Forestry Technician (Hand crew/ Hotshot)

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Candidates are encouraged to apply to any or all positions in which they might be interested. For each position a single vacancy announcement will be created for opening across the Flathead National Forest. Each vacancy announcement will be open for a limited time. Candidates should view and apply for the positions online at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/). Make sure you read the job announcement thoroughly to ensure you are applying to the correct position vacancy.

## **Attention Applicants:**

- The temporary hiring system is changing this year
- We do not have all of the details regarding the process at this time
- Vacancy Announcements will be posted on USAJobs for a short window (5 to 30 days)
- For each specialty listed above one Announcement will cover all positions on the Flathead NF
- Vacancy Announcements should start to appear in early January
- It is critical that you be in contact with the listed contacts to receive updates
- It is critical that you prepare your USAJobs profile to be able to apply at short notice
- You are encouraged to gather needed documentation (transcripts, master records, etc.) now

\*\*\*\*Similar and additional positions will be filled on the other districts of the Flathead National Forest (Swan Lake, Hungry Horse, Tally Lake), as well as positions working out of the Supervisor's office.\*\*\*\*