

*****OUTREACH NOTICE*****

December 1, 2008

**GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
Supervisor's Office, Bozeman, MT**

TITLE: Forest Soil Scientist, GS-0470-09 or 11

TOUR OF DUTY: This outreach is for a permanent, part-time professional position.

DUTY STATION: Bozeman, Montana

The Gallatin National Forest is filling its Forest soil scientist position and outreaching the option for the position to work a permanent, part-time work schedule, 25-32 hours per week. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position. Depending on interest, the final tour of duty and grade for the vacancy announcement will be determined.

Interested applicants or those desiring further information should contact:

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OR

Complete and return the attached outreach form. Please indicate if you have career or career-conditional status and the highest series and grade you have ever held.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

This position serves as the soil scientist for the Gallatin National Forest and works as part of the watershed and aquatics group. The work is focused on recommending, planning and implementing soil and water restoration projects as well as assessing and analyzing soil conditions and effects for a variety of projects across the Forest, including fuels reduction projects utilizing mechanical treatments and prescribed fire, road and trail construction or restoration, weed treatments, mining operations, range operations and post-fire restoration. The person will participate as an active member of various interdisciplinary teams and advise line officers and staff on potential soil quality impacts or restoration opportunities. The soil survey for the Gallatin National Forest is complete, therefore survey and classification work would be minimal, with analysis and management of the soil resource the primary workload.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Gallatin National Forest is headquartered in Bozeman, Montana, hugging the northern and western flanks of Yellowstone National Park. Home to some of the tallest peaks in the northern Rockies and internationally known blue-ribbon rivers, the Gallatin

boasts nearly 2 million acres of “the last best place.” The Gallatin National Forest is known for its superb recreational opportunities and outdoor pursuits. Bozeman has a great variety of citizens with many interests that contribute to making it a diverse place to call home.

BOZEMAN COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Bozeman, Montana is located in the Gallatin Valley of southwest Montana, about ninety miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It is the fourth largest community in Montana and the second fastest growing area in the state. The population is about 35,000, which includes 13,000 students at Montana State University. Including outlying communities, the Gallatin Valley population is close to 78,000.

Bozeman is a beautiful place to live. Surrounded entirely by mountains, the area offers a wide variety of year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, including two downhill ski areas (Bridger Bowl and Big Sky) and a full gamut of indoor recreation. Numerous health and fitness facilities are also available.

The average selling price for a three-bedroom, two-bath home in Bozeman is around \$278,000. The average selling price for a three-bedroom, two-bath home in the nearby community of Belgrade is \$220,000. Rental prices range from \$700-\$1000 per month for a three-bedroom house and start at about \$500 per month for two-bedroom apartments. Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to contact a realtor in the Bozeman area to obtain the latest information on housing availability and cost.

There is a complete range of services available in the community. There are full medical facilities including a 146-bed hospital, several medical clinics and nursing homes. There are about forty churches and over one hundred and fifty service organizations. There are seven elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-8) and a senior high complex. Several private schools and day care facilities are also available in the area.

Montana State University (MSU), a land-grant institution, offers bachelor, masters’ and doctorate programs. The Museum of the Rockies includes exhibits of Montana’s history as well as a planetarium, and one of the most complete dinosaur exhibits in the northwest.

Climate in the Bozeman area offers a wide variety through the four seasons; temperatures vary from an average high in August of 80 degrees to an average low in January of 10 degrees. Below-zero temperatures in the winter are common. Total yearly precipitation averages about 19 inches, with an average annual snowfall of 83 inches.

Four airlines provide service, and commercial bus and taxi services are also available. Interstate 90 passes through Bozeman. Media includes newspapers, radio stations, and network and cable TV.

For more information about the Gallatin National Forest, visit the website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/home/index.shtml> For more information on the

community of Bozeman, you may call the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-228-4224 or check their website at <http://www.bozemanchamber.com/>