** OUTREACH**

**Forest Service Employees Only**

**Land Uses Program Manager GS 1170-12**

**NORTHERN REGION**

**BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST and LOLO NATIONAL FOREST**

**Duty Location:** Hamilton, MT

**Salary Range:** $70,192.00-$91,255.00

**Outreach deadline: October 26, 2015**

**Introduction:** The Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests are advertising to fill a Permanent Full Time Shared Land Uses Program Manager. This shared position serves as Program Manager for Lands Special Uses for the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests. Responsibilities include the strategic oversight, short and long-term planning, management, prioritization and administration of a complex and varied Forest non-rec Special Use workload including permits, licenses, leases, power transmission lines, communication sites, water transmission lines, municipal water, sewage and waste storage facilities, hydropower generating facilities, road rights-of-way (DOT, FRTA, FLPMA), etc. The position also provides support and recommendations regarding the Forests lands program to the Westside Land Adjustment and Boundary Management Zone. The incumbent participates with District Rangers and Services Staff to develop and integrate an overall program of work.

This position requires outstanding communication skills to interact with various local, state, federal, and Tribal governments; private, industry, and issues-based interest groups; line officers, program managers, and resource specialists at the Ranger District, Forest Supervisor’s Office. The position requires knowledge of law, regulation and policy specific to special use application and authorization management, adverse authorization actions, and appeals

**How to Apply**

Interestedapplicants must submit the attached outreach response form in person or by email to Amber Richardson, Forest Engineer, Lands & Mineral Staff, Bitterroot National Forest (406)363-7160 amrichardson@fs.fed.us as soon as possible. Please direct any questions to Amber Richardson, Forest Engineer, Lands & Mineral Staff, Bitterroot National Forest (406)363-7160 amrichardson@fs.fed.us.

**Community Information**

**BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST:** The Bitterroot National Forest is located in western Montana and the central mountains of eastern Idaho. The eastern side of the Forest runs from the Bitterroot Valley floor to the crest of the Sapphire Mountains where the Forest borders the Lolo National Forest along the Sapphire Divide and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest along a portion of the Continental Divide. The western portion of the Forest is dominated by the rugged Bitterroot Mountain Range, and borders the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests of Region 1, and the Salmon/Challis National Forest of Region 4 in Idaho. The Forest contains portions of the Anaconda Pintler, Frank Church-River of No Return, and Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness areas. These areas encompass nearly half of the 1.6 million acres of land within the boundaries of the Forest and are easily accessible from numerous portal entries along the valley. The Forest contains a variety of vegetation types ranging from dry site ponderosa pine in the lower elevations to whitebark pine, alpine larch and fir at the higher elevations along both sides of the Forest. The headwaters of the Bitterroot and Selway Rivers are located on the Forest, as is a portion of the wild and scenic Salmon River. High alpine lakes and quick running streams attract visitors to the trail systems leading into the wilderness areas. Fishing and big game hunting enthusiasts enjoy abundant fish and wildlife populations, and the remote nature of the Forest. For additional information on the Bitterroot National Forest, visit our web page at http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot.

**The Bitterroot Valley:** The Bitterroot Valley is located south of Missoula, Montana and runs approximately 90 miles to the Idaho border at Lost Trail Pass. Ravalli County is one of the fastest growing counties in Montana with a current population of about 35,000 residents. The growth is due in large part to the mild climate, rural setting, abundant recreational opportunities, picturesque skylines, and proximity to the University of Montana and other services offered in the city of Missoula. There are eight communities in the valley, ranging in size from those with a post office and a small store, to those with a full complement of shopping, medical and school systems.

The mild climate, with a relatively long growing season (for Montana), provides lots of opportunity to garden, recreate, and get out-of-doors. The area has four distinct seasons and a semi-arid climate with average precipitation ranging from 16 to 23 inches per year. Winters are relatively mild with daytime temperatures in January averaging 30 degrees, but sometimes dropping to 20 below zero or colder. Summers are typically warm and dry with daytime temperatures in late July and August between 75 and 95 degrees. Additional information can be found on the Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce web site at http://www.bvchamber.com (their e-mail address is localinfo@bvchamber.com).

**Hamilton, MT:** In the middle of the Bitterroot Valley, in Ravalli County, is the county’s seat of Hamilton. At an elevation of 3,572, Hamilton is home to over 4,000 people, and the immediate area around the town has somewhere over 12,000 people. Downtown Hamilton has several historic buildings with many unique shops and restaurants. Looking west on Main Street is a beautiful view of the mountains. Just finished in the spring of 2004, there is a newly revitalized downtown. New streetscape, trees, and street lamps make way to enjoy the unique downtown shops. Highway 93, which goes all the way through town, also boasts unique shops, grocery stores, and gas stations.

Hamilton, Montana is a full service community including; public schools K-12, medical facilities, grocery and convenience stores, and a full selection of churches. There are active civic and community groups. The town of Hamilton host a variety of fun events throughout the year including the Senior Pro Rodeo, which brings contestants from all over the United States and Canada, the Blue Grass Festival, Apple Days, and the Ravalli County Fair are just a few of the events. Thanksgiving weekend brings the Christmas light parade complete with caroling, wood burning barrels to warm your hands, and hot cider for all to enjoy.

There are a number of homes on the market in Hamilton and the surrounding area; many include acreage. For a 3 bedroom/2 bathroom home in town one might expect to pay around $200,000 and up. Acreage parcels can range from $350,000 to a half million in value. Rental property is available in Hamilton as well as the surrounding areas from approximately $700 to $1,500 per month. It is about a 50 mile commute north to Missoula, MT. Missoula is home to the Forest Service's Northern Region Office, University of Montana, and all the amenities and services of a larger urban area. Government housing is not available.

**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST:** The two-million-acre Lolo National Forest (NF) in west central Montana is one of ten national forests in Montana. Created in 1906, the Lolo NF now includes former national forests originally named the "Cabinet," "Hell Gate,""Missoula," and "Selway" National Forests.

Located west of the continental divide, the Lolo NF is influenced by both continental and maritime climates. These climates provide for a wide range of environmental gradients producing a forest of high diversity. Diverse ecosystems range from wet, western red cedar bottoms to high alpine peaks, and forests of alpine larch and white bark pine.

These diverse ecosystems are home for 17 conifer and 5 hardwood tree species, over 300 bird species, at least 20 fish species, over 60 mammal species and an estimated 1,500 plant species, including 250 non-native plant species. Within the Lolo NF, are record-sized trees, the Montana Champion ponderosa pine located in the Fish Creek drainage and a national co-champion western larch near Seeley Lake.

Elevation ranges from less than 2,400 ft. on the Clark Fork River below Thompson Falls to many peaks over 7,000 ft. and topping out at over 9,000 ft. at Lolo Peak near the town of Lolo and Ptarmigan Point near Seeley Lake. The highest point is Scapegoat Mountain within the Scapegoat Wilderness. Water is plentiful within the Lolo NF producing over 100 named lakes and nearly 1,000 named streams including five major rivers.

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Position Identification

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| Position Title: | **Land Uses Program Manager** |
| Series/Grade: | GS 1170-12 |
| Duty Location: | Hamilton, MT |
| Applicant Information |
| Name: |   | E-Mail Address: |   |
| Current Title, Series, Grade |   |
| Current Organization/Location: |   |
| Work Phone: |  | Alternate Phone: |  |
| 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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| Position Interest |
| I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified. |
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|  | [ ]  | *Other appropriate series for which I am qualified* |
|  | [ ]  | *Target grade level currently identified* |
|  | [ ]  | *Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)* |

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, *Interests, and Needs or Provide Other Information:*

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Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.