Montana National Forests & Dakota Prairie Grasslands
NEPA Strike Team Positions

GS-101/401-12 Interdisciplinary Team Leader
GS-0460-11 Silviculturist
GS-0470/1315-11 Soils/Hydrologist
GS-0486-9/11 Wildlife Biologist
GS-0482-9/11 Fisheries Biologist
GS-1082-7/9 Writer Editor

Introduction

This outreach notice is for six positions that will comprise the NEPA Strike Team for Region 1 forests located in Montana and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands National Forest. These positions will report to the Planning & Resources Staff Officer of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest with a duty station of Dillon, MT.

These positions will cover the geographical area of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota completing assigned NEPA projects on all Montana National Forests and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands National Forest.

Major Duties

The focus of the NEPA Strike Team will be to complete assigned priority NEPA projects across the forests of Montana and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands National Forest. The intent of this team is to focus on NEPA work which normally can be expected to be completed within a year or less. The team will be expected to travel within the region to complete work assignments. Members of this team can expect to spend 25% or greater of their time in travel status staying in various accommodations (hotels/barracks/etc.) for up to a week at a time. The team is composed of the following positions:

Interdisciplinary Team Leader

The Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Leader will provide assistance in the development of the program of work of the strike team and will direct the daily work of the other individual Strike Team members. This position is responsible for coordinating and communicating with the various forests and their leadership and staffs. The IDT Leader is responsible for the quality assurance/quality control of assigned projects, including the environmental analysis, documentation and decision documents. Critical to this position is
excellent communication with forest’s staff and providing advice and consul to the supervisor for the purposes of maintaining project timelines.

Silviculturist

This position will be required to prepare and/or approve silvicultural diagnosis and prescriptions to support the environmental analysis that requires vegetation manipulation. This position will require that the incumbent is either currently certified or may be certified within 2 years of appointment. Analytical abilities will be required to perform needed analysis using a combination of existing and acquired data to prepare silvicultural reports in support of proposed project activities.

Soils/Hydrologist

This position evaluates the effects and provides the analysis of Forest Service activities on National Forest System lands and documents effects in soils and aquatics specialist reports for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents regarding stream flows, sedimentation, roads, stream shade, riparian reserves, Clean Water Act and Best Management Practices. This position will require analytical skills to evaluate both existing and acquired data sets.

Wildlife Biologist

This position evaluates the effects of Forest Service activities on National Forest System lands in regards to wildlife resources and documents this analysis in a specialist report and/or environmental assessment. This position will be required to prepare Biological Assessments and Biological evaluations as needed to support the environmental analysis of assigned projects where terrestrial threaten and endangered/species of concern are affected. Duties include consultation on listed species with the appropriate regulatory agency. This position will require analytical skills to evaluate both existing and acquired data sets.

Fisheries Biologist

This position evaluates the effects of Forest Service activities on National Forest System lands in regards to fisheries and aquatic resources and documents this analysis in a specialist report and/or environmental assessment. This position will be required to prepare Biological Assessments/Biological Evaluations as needed to support the environmental analysis of assigned projects where threaten and endanger fish or aquatic species of concern are affected. Duties include consultation on listed species with the appropriate regulatory agency for both inland and anadromous fish. This position will require analytical skills to evaluate both existing and acquired data sets.

Writer-Editor

This position will write, edit, and review a wide variety of reports, environmental analysis, decision, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents. The position will coordinate reviews of material by subject-matter experts, participate on the Interdisciplinary Team, and evaluate the content, format, and organization of documents. This position will require skills in word processing and desktop publishing and knowledge of standard writing and editing practices.
Montana National Forests & Dakota Prairie Grasslands Nation Forest

Do you love outdoor recreation? There are tremendous opportunities to satisfy your hunger for outdoor activities including skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking, camping, picnicking, boating, swimming, and horseback riding. We also have world class fishing and hunting opportunities.

Do you like fast-paced work environments and daily challenges? These Forests have an incredible variety of resources including large recreation programs, extensive grazing, forest health issues, and mining. We have an incredible diversity of challenges and opportunities in managing these amazing places.

National Forests The Strike Team Will Work With Include:

- Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf/]
- Bitterroot NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot]
- Dakota Prairie Grasslands  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/dpg/]
- Flathead NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/flathead]
- Helena NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/helena/]
- Kootenai NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai]
- Lewis & Clark NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf]
- Lolo NF  [http://www.fs.usda.gov/lolo]

Dillon, MT (Duty Station Location)

Dillon, Montana is located in the southwest corner of Montana and surrounded on three sides by the Continental Divide, the beauty of the area is stunning. Outdoor recreation dominates the area with hundreds of miles of hiking and snowmobile trails, digging for crystals or panning for gold, visiting ghost towns and some of the West's best fisheries…the Madison, the Beaverhead and the Big Hole Rivers. It's all right here where the Old West began in Dillon and southwestern Montana.
Dillon is the county seat and major trading area for over 13,000 people in Beaverhead and western Madison counties. Along with the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest, Dillon is home to the University of Montana Western and the national franchise office of Great Harvest Bread Company. Dillon also forms the center of Montana's largest cattle and hay producing areas, and is one of Montana's top agricultural centers. Total population of 9,000 in Beaverhead County, and nearly 6,000 in Madison County, provides a full-service community.

Climate in southwest Montana is graced with four seasons, generally experiencing cold, snowy winters and relatively warm summers, though temperature changes from day to night can vary greatly. Temperatures range 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.

If you’d like to be considered for one of the strike team positions, please complete the outreach response form below and forward to Scott Snelson, Deputy Forest Supervisor at ssnelson@fs.fed.us by close of business May 10, 2016.

① If you would like more information about these positions, please contact Scott Snelson, Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, at (406) 683-3978 or ssnelson@fs.fed.us

① If you would like more information on Montana please visit: http://www.visitmt.com/

① If you would like additional information about North Dakota visit: http://www.ndtourism.com/

① If you would like additional information about South Dakota visit: https://www.travelsouthdakota.com/

① If you would like additional information about Dillon, Montana visit: http://www.beaverheadchamber.org/

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Outreach Response

**Position Title/Series/Grade:** Writer-Editor GS-1082-7/9  
**Duty Station:** Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor’s Office, Dillon, MT

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**Type of appointment you are currently under:**  
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**Is this the highest grade you’ve held?**  
Yes □ No □

**Are you currently a Federal employee:**  
Yes □ No □

**Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position & include a resume:**

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*Thanks for your interest in our vacancy!*  

Please send your completed outreach response by May 10th to Scott Snelson at ssnelson@fs.fed.us