The Position:
The Custer Gallatin National Forest will soon be advertising a GS-460-11 Forester (Silviculturist) permanent full time position. Duty station will be Bozeman, Montana. Government housing is not available. We are recruiting for an individual who will bring leadership skills, passion for the resource, and a team approach to the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The vacancy announcement for this position is; Forester (Silviculture) GS-460-11 # 16-0111-242346FS-SG and it is expected to come out soon and will be posted to this outreach when it becomes available.

For more information regarding the role and responsibilities of the position, please contact DeWayne Thornburgh, Vegetation Program Manager at 406-255-1429 or via email at dthornburgh@fs.fed.us. Position closes 5/12/2016.

About the Position:
This is an exciting and challenging opportunity on the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The incumbent serves as a Supervisory Forester (Silviculturist) with primary responsibility for development, planning, and application of silvicultural methods and practices for multiple resource concerns and uses across the forest.

This position provides for technical direction in all phases of reforestation and timber stand improvement and tree improvement programs on the forest. Responsibilities of this position includes writing and review of silvicultural reports for NEPA analysis, and individual stand
treatment prescriptions to ensure that plans, treatments, and harvesting techniques are compatible with long-range land management plans. This position also coordinates, plans and administers the technical phases of forest area control of animals, insects and diseases.

The Custer Gallatin has an active reforestation program and typically reforests approximately 1,000 acres each year due to vegetative management activities and wildfires. The tree improvement program on the Custer Gallatin National Forest is active and predominantly centered around Whitebark pine. To facilitate the restoration of Whitebark pine, the forest has developed a Whitebark pine seed orchard and this position will be responsible for the management and maintenance of this site.

This position supervises 2 Forestry Technician positions working in the reforestation, tree improvement and timber stand improvement program areas.

**About the Custer Gallatin National Forest:**

The **Custer and Gallatin National Forests** were recently consolidated. The consolidated **Custer Gallatin National Forest** contains about 3.1 million acres. The 1.8 million-acre Gallatin portion is situated in south-central Montana, hugging the northern and western flanks of Yellowstone National Park. It spans six mountain ranges: the Bridger, Madison, Absaroka, Beartooth, Crazy, and Gallatin. The Custer portion covers 1.3 million acres in southeast Montana and northwestern South Dakota. It includes part of the Absaroka/Beartooth mountains, Pryor mountains, low elevation ponderosa pine covered bluffs and ridge tops of the Powder River Basin and isolated pine-covered bluffs rising from the prairie.

Seven ranger districts manage the consolidated forest: Beartooth District in Red Lodge, MT; Ashland District in Ashland, MT; Sioux District in Camp Crook, SD; Bozeman District in Bozeman, MT; Yellowstone District in Livingston and Big Timber, MT; Gardiner District in Gardiner, MT, and Hebgen Lake District in West Yellowstone, MT. The Supervisor’s Office is located in Bozeman, with some additional staff in Billings, MT, co-located in the BLM State Office.

About Bozeman, Montana:

Bozeman is located in the Gallatin Valley of southwest Montana, about 90 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It is the fourth largest community in the State of Montana, and the second fastest growing area in the state. The city continues to attract new residents due to its quality of life factors, scenery, and abundant recreational opportunities. The population is about 39,800, which includes the nearly 14,000 students at Montana State University. Including the outlying communities, such as Belgrade or Three Forks, the Gallatin Valley population is about 87,000 people.

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 recreational pursuits. Numerous health and fitness facilities are also available.

The average list price for a home in Bozeman is around $349,000. In comparison, the average selling price for a three-bedroom, two-bath home in the nearby community of Belgrade is about $229,000. 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 Bozeman area. 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 eight 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.

Bozeman is home to a large number of high-tech companies, including the research or production of laser optic equipment; bio-tech firms; and, several large software companies. Montana State University is also one of Bozeman’s larger employers in the area.

Climate in the Bozeman area receives significantly higher rainfall than much of the Montana east of the Continental Divide, up to 24 inches of precipitation annually. Bozeman is graced with four seasons, generally experiencing cold, snowy winters and relatively warm summers, though due to its elevation (4,820 feet), 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.

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 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/

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