



United States Forest Service Northern Region

EAST SIDE LANDS AND BOUNDARY ZONE

*BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE, CUSTER-GALLATIN, HELENA AND LEWIS AND CLARK NF'S
AND DAKOTA PRAIRIE NATIONAL GRASSLAND*

OUTREACH NOTICE **LAND SURVEYOR, 1373, GS - 11**

The Northern Region, East-Side Lands and Boundary Management Zone (ESLBZ) for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Custer Gallatin, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forests, and the Dakota Prairie National Grasslands (“East Side Lands & Boundary Zone”) will soon be advertising to fill three (3) permanent position – **Land Surveyor, GS-1373**. The positions are for a Permanent Full-time employee. The positions will be advertised under the Demonstration Authority.

Duty Station

The duty station for these positions are located in **Bozeman, Montana, Bozeman Ranger District Custer Gallatin National Forest; Butte, Montana, Butte Ranger District Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest.**

Supervision

The incumbent will report to the **Supervisory Land Surveyor** for the East Side Lands & Boundary Zone. The Supervisory Land Surveyor assigns specific projects and duties to the incumbent based on the approved program of work for the East Side Lands & Boundary Zone. A Board of Directors, consisting of the Forest/Grassland Supervisors for the four Units and the Regional Director of Recreation, Minerals, Lands, Heritage, & Wilderness, provide oversight and set the priorities for the program of work and budget for the East Side Lands & Boundary Zone.

Position Overview

This position is part of the Northern Region East Side Lands & Boundary Zone, serving three national forests and one national grassland in Montana, North Dakota, and northwestern South Dakota. The successful candidate is expected to fully support and work towards the success of the East Side Lands & Boundary Zone’s mission and programs.

Land Surveyor, 1373 GS – 11: Incumbent must either hold a professional survey registration in any state in the United States, or a degree in Geomatics, Land Surveying

or like science degree obtained from an ABET accredited institution. Registration in the state of Montana will be obtained within one year of appointment.

Under the authority of a properly certified, higher-grade land surveyor, the incumbent has the following duties and responsibilities:

- Plans and conducts cadastral surveying projects of a complex nature involving conflicting title information or fragmentary corner evidence requiring extensive research and evaluation and the proper application of State and Federal laws.
- Prepares preliminary and final survey plats, drawings, reports, legal records, and land descriptions for review and approval by a registered land surveyor.
- Serves as a contract inspector on land survey projects contracted to private land survey firms, ensuring compliance with contract specifications.
- Provides technical guidance and training to Forest survey personnel performing cadastral, geodetic, rights-of-way, and engineering surveys.
- Responsible for maintenance, calibration, and adjustment of precision surveying instruments and related equipment.

This position requires a considerable amount of travel throughout Montana, North Dakota, and northwest South Dakota, with overnight stays. Government Vehicle and travel expenses will be provided while in travel status.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Custer Gallatin National Forest includes about 3.1 million diverse acres stretching from southwestern Montana, along the northern and western flanks of Yellowstone National Park to southeast Montana and northwestern South Dakota. The Forest includes six mountain ranges as well as the lower elevation ponderosa pine covered bluffs and ridge tops of the eastern portion of the Forest. There are seven ranger districts along with the Supervisor's Office is located in Bozeman, and a service center in Billings, MT, co-located in the BLM State Office.

Bozeman is a beautiful place to live. Surrounded entirely by mountains, the area offers a wide variety of outstanding, year-round outdoor recreation opportunities, including two downhill ski areas (Bridger Bowl and Big Sky). Located in the Gallatin Valley of southwest Montana, Bozeman is about 90 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It is the fourth largest community in the State of Montana and continues to attract new residents due to quality of life factors such as spectacular scenery and abundant recreational opportunities. The population is growing - currently about 45,500. Bozeman is also home to Montana State University which brings a rich diversity of educational and cultural values to the community.

The average list price for a home in Bozeman is around \$415,000. Rental prices are upwards of \$3000 per month for a three-bedroom house and two-bedroom apartments start at approximately \$1,400. There are full medical facilities including a hospital, 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.

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.

Local Information:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin>

<http://www.bozemanchamber.com>

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is the largest of the national forests in Montana, the B-D NF covers 3.35 million acres and lies in eight Southwest Montana counties. The forest has one of the most diverse land bases in Montana. It is unique in that it connects three of the most intact large ecosystems in the lower forty-eight states. The forest provides timber, minerals, and grazing lands. It also offers breath-taking scenery for a wide variety of recreational pursuits.

The forest has incredible mountain ranges, mountain lakes, great fishing rivers and streams, and wildlife abounds. The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest is comprised of 5 ranger districts: Dillon, Butte, Pintler (in Philipsburg, MT), Madison (in Ennis, MT), and Wisdom.

Butte has a population of approximately 34,000. Butte, known as the richest hill on Earth, was once a thriving mining community. Today, the rich history of Butte's past can be seen throughout the community by its architecture, museum, and cultural programs. Butte is considered a central launching point for many adventures into the state of Montana. Interstates 15 and 90 bisect the community. Missoula is 120 miles west, Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park are 80 miles east, Helena is 65 miles north and Dillon is 65 miles south. The elevation of Butte is 5,280. The summer daytime temperatures are around 60-90 degrees, averaging 68 during the day and 45-50 in the evenings. The daytime winter temperatures average 20-25 degrees, however, it still can go well below zero.

Housing: The housing market has plenty to offer although rentals are limited. Rental rates for an average 1-bedroom apartment range from \$300 to \$500/month. A three bedroom rental ranges from \$700 – \$1,100/month. Purchase price for a 3-bedroom home average from \$125,000 and up. A one-bedroom home can range from \$40,000 – \$80,000.

Schools: Butte has the luxury of having a fine public K-12th grade school system, as well as two privately run religious schools (one Catholic, one non-denominational Christian). Pre-school is available for children 3-5 years old. Special Education, Speech Therapy, Family Outreach, Headstart, and other programs are available in Butte for families needing this assistance. Montana Tech is part of the University of Montana system is located in Butte. Montana Tech offers degrees in many areas with national recognition in the Engineering practicums. There is a Vocational Technical School as well that offers many vocational programs including surveying, GPS, and business. Many employees on the Forest take advantage of day and night courses from the school.

Medical: Butte is a full-service community. St. James Healthcare offers all medical services to the community. Medical clinics, Outpatient Surgical Centers, and Immediate Medical Care

Clinics are located throughout the medical district. We also have flight transport into Salt Lake City if an emergency requires specialized treatment. Dentists, orthodontists, and other specialty services are available in the medical sector.

Day Care Facilities: Butte has 6-8 full time professional day care facilities in the city, including two day care facilities for infants. Also, home day cares are located throughout the city, taking care of children in groups of 3-8. One can also find mothers that will baby-sit one or two children along with their own child(ren).

Butte Recreation Facilities and Opportunities: Butte has the luxury of having two golf courses-- a municipal course with a nine-hole regulation length course and a nine-hole par three course; and a private eighteen-hole Country Club. A signature Jack Nicklaus golf course, Old Works, is located in historic Anaconda, a 25-minute drive from Butte. There are three aquatic facilities that include Fairmont Hot Springs, YMCA, and Montana Tech. Fitness facilities include the YMCA, Montana Tech, Fuel Fitness and Gold's Gym. In addition, Butte has a variety of youth and adult baseball and softball, soccer, football, wrestling, hockey, tennis, and volleyball programs. The park system has baseball/softball fields, ice skating rinks, tennis and trails located throughout town. Butte has six movie theaters, a symphony and Broadway Series and several local theater companies. There is a shopping mall and many specialty shops throughout Butte. There are several museums, art galleries, and antique shops located in Historic Uptown Butte.

Butte plays host to several special events throughout the year including the Montana Folk Festival, An Ri Ra - Montana Gaelic Cultural Festival, Evel Knieval Days, Farmer's Market, Christmas Stroll, and Chinese New Year.

For more information

For more information about the application and recruitment process, please contact the Forest Service Albuquerque Service Center (ASC) Human Resource Management (HRM) Staffing, 1-877-372-7248, or fsjobs@fs.fed.us.

For more information about the East Side Lands & Boundary Zone, this position, programs of work, roles and responsibilities, and operating plans and procedures, please contact Mark Aughtman, Supervisory Land Surveyor, (701)-227-7835, maughtman@fs.fed.us.

If you are interested in this position and want to receive notice when the Vacancy Announcement will be posted on the USAJOBS website, please complete the attached **Outreach Response Form** and return to Mark Aughtman, Supervisory Land Surveyor, maughtman@fs.fed.us.

This position will be advertised in USAJOBS, <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

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NORTHERN REGION
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If you are interested in this position, complete this form and send to Mark Aughtman by using one of the following methods:

- E-mail to maughtman@fs.fed.us
- Post Office Mail: **US Forest Service**
- **Mark Aughtman**
- **99 23rd Ave. West**
- **Dickinson, ND. 58601**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes No

If Yes:

Name of your Agency & Location: _____
Current title/series/grade: _____
Type of Appointment Permanent Term Temporary

If No:

Current Employer: _____
Current Position Title & Salary: _____
Type of Appointment Permanent Term Temporary

Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- Former Peace Corps
- Person with Disabilities
- Student Employment Program
- Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Readjustment
- Reinstatement Eligibility
- Other

Briefly Describe your qualifying experience:

Thank-you for your interest in the position!

