
Custer National Forest News Release



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Forest Geologist Speaks on Rock and Mineral Collecting

The Custer National Forest is home to an amazing variety of rocks and minerals, evidence of current and past mining activity, and unique geologic features. From petrified wood on the Ashland Ranger District, to limestone caves on the Beartooth Ranger District, to Geologic National Natural Monuments on the Sioux Ranger District, the Forest has something for every explorer to see.

Pat Pierson is the Minerals and Geology Program Manager for the Custer National Forest. He will be speaking to the Billings Gem and Mineral Club on Forest Service regulations guiding the collection of minerals, rocks, and fossils on the Custer National Forest. Having worked on the Custer for over 30 years, Pierson is a wealth of information and can get anyone excited about minerals and geology.

The Club's event, graciously open to the public for Pierson's presentation, will be held on February 4th; Pierson's presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the First Christian Church at 522 North 29th Street in Billings, Montana.

Pierson will also have copies of the new brochure, "Minerals, Rocks, and Fossils on the Custer National Forest" available for distribution. Thin enough to keep folded up with a visitor's Forest Travel Map, it summarizes what folks need to know when they are out on the Forest and want to start exploring. Copies of the brochure are also available on the Custer's website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer.

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