
Gallatin National Forest News Release



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Gallatin Forest Hosts Recreation Facilities Analysis Open Houses

The Gallatin National Forest will host five open houses to discuss the results of the Recreation Facilities Analysis, including the Forest's work proposal. The open houses are an opportunity for interested individuals to discuss the Forest's proposed program of work with the District Ranger.

The Recreation Facilities Analysis (RFA) is a process being used nationally to help national forests align their developed recreation sites with visitors' desires and use. The goals of the RFA are to:

- Enhance public enjoyment of developed recreation sites and services today and into the future;
- Improve customer satisfaction;
- Provide recreation opportunities at facilities or sites consistent with the Forest's recreation "niche";
- Operate and maintain financially sustainable recreation facilities to provide enjoyable, safe experiences for visitors at an affordable cost; and
- Eliminate the maintenance backlog at recreation sites.

"The Forest's proposed program of work represents only one potential solution to meeting the goals and intent of the RFA," said Tom Puchlerz, Gallatin National Forest Acting Forest Supervisor. "We believe that through this analysis process and with our visitor's idea we will have a higher quality, more efficiently managed developed recreation program where the best facilities support recreation opportunities in the right places."

The RFA document is available on the Gallatin Forest's website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/?page=recreation>

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The open house schedule is:

Monday, September 24, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.:

- Big Timber Ranger District, 225 Big Timber Loop Rd, Big Timber, MT.
- Bozeman Ranger District, 3710 Fallon St., Suite C, Bozeman, MT

Tuesday, September 25, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.:

- Livingston Ranger District, 5242 Hwy 89 South, Livingston, MT

Thursday, September 27, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.:

- Hebgen Lake Ranger District, 331 Hwy 191 N., West Yellowstone, MT

Friday, September 28,

- 11:00 – 1:00: Gardiner Ranger District in Cooke City at the Fire Hall
- 3:00 – 5:00: Gardiner Ranger District Office, Hwy 89 S., Gardiner, MT

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