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# Gallatin National Forest News Release



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## **Forest Service proposes to sell Property in West Yellowstone**

The Forest Service is proposing to sell, at not less than market value, certain real property known as the "West Yellowstone Administrative Site", located in West Yellowstone, Montana. The property consists of approximately 1.03 acres and it contains four old buildings.

The property is located in the central part of the Town and it is surrounded by commercial development. The site is one block west of U.S. Highway 191, on the southwest corner of Firehole Avenue (U.S. Highway 20) and Dunraven Street. The legal description for the land is: Gallatin County, State of Montana, Township 13 South, Range 5 East, Section 34, Townsite of West Yellowstone, Block 17, Lot 'U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site'.

The Forest Service has identified this property as surplus to future agency needs in the Facilities Master Plan for the Gallatin National Forest. This sale will be made under authority of the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2004" (P.L. 108-108), "Section 333 – Implementation of Gallatin Land Consolidation Act". Under this special authority, the Forest Service will use the revenues from this sale to acquire critical lands within the National Forests in the State of Montana.

The formal decision to sell this land and buildings will be made by the Forest Supervisor, following public comment, and concurrence from the Regional Office and Washington Office.

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The old West Yellowstone Administrative Site was originally established in 1919 as a Ranger Station for the Madison National Forest. The four buildings that remain on site include two residences, a barn and a garage. These buildings are historic log structures, maintained in reasonably good condition. Since about 1960, the residences have been used for employee housing and storage.

The property may be sold using competitive bid procedures. The target sale date is spring or summer of 2008. Specific terms of the sale will be available after a final decision to sell the property is made.

Interested parties may submit comments for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of a legal notice in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. In submitting comments, please provide your name, address, phone number and organization represented, if any. Please submit written comments to: Bill Queen, District Ranger, P.O. Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758.

For additional information, please contact Bob Dennee, Project Manager, at (406)-587-6914, or Bill Queen, District Ranger, at (406) 823-6963. Printed information and maps are available at the Hebgen Lake Ranger Station, P.O. Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, and the Forest Supervisor's Office, Federal Building, 10 East Babcock, Bozeman, MT 59771.

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