

SOLICITATION FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR CAMPGROUND AND RELATED GRANGER-THYE CONCESSIONS
Custer Gallatin National Forest

April 13, 2021: The Custer Gallatin National Forest is publicly soliciting applications for business opportunities to provide high quality public service in the operations and maintenance of Government-owned recreation facilities. Three separate permits will be issued, each for a term of five years and each with the option for an additional five years at the sole discretion of the authorized officer(s). The term of each of the three permits will begin in January of 2022, for the recreation sites to be fully operating for the 2022 summer season. The three separate permits will be for:

- Beartooth Ranger District (Red Lodge, MT).
- Bozeman and Yellowstone Ranger Districts (Bozeman and Livingston, MT)
- Hebgen Lake Ranger District (West Yellowstone, MT)

Interested applicants may apply for one, two or all three prospectuses, however each application will be considered individually. No combined applications will be accepted.

The three separate full prospectuses and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are now available for public viewing and downloading, in the Custer Gallatin National Forest publication library by clicking on this link

<https://usfs-public.box.com/s/o4jmgmxmoabzz239u9etllr4gh8u9ok2>

and opening the folder entitled "***CGNF Solicitation for Granger-Thye Concessions***".

The Custer Gallatin National Forest provides a broad range of quality recreational opportunities and experiences for visitors from around the world. The concession program represents one means of delivering recreation opportunities to the public and providing business opportunities to those interested in helping to manage a variety of recreation sites.

Deadline for Applications

Instructions for applying are included in each prospectus.

Applications must be received by close-of-business (4:30 MST) on Friday, June 18, 2021.

In preparation for this solicitation, an August 13, 2020 press release and public posting on the CGNF website and on beta.SAM.gov, "*Pre-Solicitation Announcement for Forest Service Concession Permit Opportunities*" notified interested parties of the opportunity for self-guided tours of the sites. For reference, that Pre-Solicitation Announcement is available at the link listed above.

After this public solicitation period closes on June 18, 2021, the Forest will convene an evaluation panel. Once the apparent successful applicant(s) are determined, the Financial Ability Determination processes will be initiated.

For questions from applicants: Please first check the "**Frequently Asked Questions**" document. If neither the prospectuses with their appendices nor the FAQs answer your specific question(s), then e-mail your question(s) to: Jane Ruchman, CGNF Developed Recreation Program Manager, at jane.ruchman@usda.gov. The last day for submitting any questions to Jane is Friday, May 14, 2021.

To ensure a fair and open application process, Jane will update the FAQs document at the link listed above, instead of providing a response to only one applicant, especially if your question and the response need to be shared with other applicants. If a question results in a substantive change or correction to a prospectus, the revised prospectus(es) would be posted and the application deadline may possibly be extended, at the sole discretion of the authorized officer(s). Responses will be posted as soon as possible after a question is received. The last day that any responses or updates will be posted on-line is Friday, June 4, 2021.