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Forest Service Plans to Sell Property in West Yellowstone

The Forest Service is planning to sell, at not less than market value, certain real property known as the “West Yellowstone Administrative Site”, located within the Town of West Yellowstone, Montana. The property consists of approximately 1.03 acres.

The proposed sale of land does not include the four buildings that currently occupy the site. The plan is to move those buildings to a suitable location in or near the Town of West Yellowstone for potential use as a visitor center.

The property for sale is located in the central part of the Town and 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.



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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 are on the site include two residences, a barn and a garage. These buildings are historic log structures that have been maintained in reasonably good condition. Since about 1960, the buildings have been used for employee housing and storage. In the summer of 2008, the National Smokejumper Center” used the buildings as a visitor center, under a temporary special use permit from the Forest Service.

The property will be sold using competitive bid procedures, with assistance from the General Services Administration (GSA). The goal is to complete the sale during the winter of 2008 or spring of 2009. More specific information about the sale and bidding process will be available from GSA later this fall.

For additional information about the property, please contact Bob Dennee, Project Manager, at (406)-587-6914. Photo-maps of the property 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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