

National Fire Plan Firefighting Resources Montana 2003



New Crew Quarters for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District of the Lewis & Clark National Forest

The Rocky Mountain Ranger District of the Lewis and Clark National Forest has comfortable new housing for their fire crews this summer thanks to the National Fire Plan. The District was able to build bunkhouses in Choteau and Augusta, providing the crews with all the comforts of home while suppressing fires on public lands.

The bunkhouses are identical in their 3,000 square foot layout; each has eleven sleeping rooms and four bathrooms. One bedroom and two of the bathrooms meet the requirements for the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The bunkhouses were constructed with a slab on grade to minimize pest infestation and stay above the shallow ground water table. The maintenance-free steel siding and standing seam metal roof will stand up to years of service.

Crews will have all the comforts of home with a large community area, which includes a double kitchen, dining area, informal living room, and a laundry room. There is also a covered patio, offering them the chance to relax in the comfort of the evening after a day on the fire line.

The crew quarters were used throughout the spring and summer of 2003 to house many overhead staff as well as firefighting crew members.



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