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DARBY VISITORS CENTER NOW OPEN ON SATURDAYS

Hamilton, MT. – Forest visitors wanting to purchase a map, get the latest recreation or road information, or just talk with someone about the forest can now do so on Saturdays at the historic Darby Visitors Center located next door to the Darby Ranger Station. The Visitors Center is open to the public each Saturday from 10am to 2pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

If you stop by, you may want to allow a few extra minutes to look around as the building is also home to a museum filled with historic Forest Service items, displays, photos, and memorabilia. Between 1965 and 1990 the building was used by the Bitterroot Hotshot Fire Crew. Built in 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corps the building was restored in 1991. The center and museum is staffed by volunteers and provides educational and interpretive information along with forest service maps, recreation information, weather/road reports, auto tour brochures and Nez Perce National Historic Trail maps. There are also picnic tables located outside. The center is located at 712 North Main, in Darby. For more information, call 406-821-3913, or visit www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot.

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