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## NEWS RELEASE

### *Bitterroot National Forest*

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### DIGITAL MAPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MOBILE DEVICES

Hamilton, MT. – Skiers, snowmobilers, and other winter recreationists can now get important forest information right at their fingertips, thanks to new digital visitor maps available for your mobile devices. All four ranger districts on the Bitterroot National Forest – Stevensville, Darby, West Fork, and Sula - can now be purchased and easily downloaded right to your smartphone. The Avenza PDF Maps App, is available as a free download from iTunes and the Android Play Store. Forest Service visitor maps cost \$4.99 each.

The professionally created maps provide information on recreational uses, trails, roads, streams, lakes, campgrounds, picnic areas, visitor centers, facilities, and cultural features. They can display topographic information such as contours and elevations, and identify which forest roads are open or closed to motorized travel.

The maps are geo-referenced with the user's location appearing as a blue dot. They can even be used when Internet connections are unavailable as they track your specific location through GPS. The maps allow users to measure distance and area, open a current view in Google maps, plot place marks, add notes, enter their own data and add photos as attributes.

Almost 700 different Forest Service maps are available through the Avenza app. It works on iPhones (3GS or newer) and iPads with WiFi+3G. It also works with Android 4 or newer operating systems on devices with at least 1 gigabyte of memory.

Bitterroot National Forest paper maps are also still available for purchase at any of our offices, Mon-Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm. Paper maps are \$10 each. For more information contact the Forest Service office near you or visit our website at [www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot](http://www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot). Stay in touch with us through [www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot](https://www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot) and [www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF](https://www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF).