EXPENSES
The cost of the Seminar is $6500 for each participant, which will include all instruction, lodging, and food throughout the program. Travel that occurs within the United States during the operation of the program will also be covered by the tuition fee. **Air travel expenses to and from the Seminar are the responsibility of participants and/or their sponsors.**

GUIDELINES
The Seminar is a technical and professional course, placing a high demand on the attention and contributions of participants. The course is offered in English, so English speaking proficiency is a requirement for course attendance. Each participant will offer a brief presentation on management issues in their home country, allowing others to recognize the common challenges facing managers worldwide.

Selection of participants will be based only on professional and technical competency, without regard to gender, race, creed, or nationality. During the course of the program, all participants will be considered students of the University of Montana. Enrollment in the Seminar is limited, so early application is highly encouraged. Individuals must apply by April 1, 2016. Funding for participation is not available from the Seminar organizers.

HOW TO APPLY
Please download the application from:  
www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/  
international-programs/training-seminars

The deadline for submission is **April 1, 2016.**

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The Seminar stimulates deliberations and interactive problem-solving for issues related to protected area and natural resource management. Program activities take advantage of the rich experiences and multiple cultural perspectives of the participants, as well as the unique heritage and resources available in the Northern Rocky Mountain region.

To experience the opportunities available in the region, Seminar participants will travel to several types of protected areas. Participants will interact with respected experts in the management of national parks, wildlife refuges, privately held land conservancies, and multiple use forest and grassland reserves.

Designed for mid-career planners and managers of nationally significant protected areas world-wide, this integrated state-of-the-art seminar examines strategies to conserve the world’s most special places. The program, sponsored by the US Forest Service International Programs and the University of Montana, will evaluate policies and institutional arrangements that sustain both people and natural resources.

INTEGRATED PLANNING FOR PROTECTED AREAS
Participants will examine the strengths and weaknesses of several types of planning models to recognize the potential for resource protection as well as an equitable and sustainable distribution of benefits.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Participants will explore methods for engaging resident populations in protected area management that address the application of local knowledge, the analysis of stakeholder interests, and the assessment of local land use practices on resource sustainability.

TOURISM, CONCESSIONS & VISITOR MANAGEMENT
Participants will analyze several forms of concession arrangements; they will discuss tourism strategies and the consequences of increased visitation on both the environment and visitor experience; and they will explore the administrative and operational implications of private/public partnerships in protected area management.

TRANSBOUNDARY MANAGEMENT IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE
Participants will be provided an opportunity to examine transboundary management issues such as climate change, fire, and wildlife management.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF
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