



Employee Profile

(Employee's Name) Jonell Gillaspie

(Working Title) R/W Designer

(Division) Billings

(Bureau) Preconstruction

(Section) Right-of-Way

Background (a little about yourself, i.e.: interests, education, affiliations, birth place): I'm originally from Wyoming and I got my degree in Mechanical Engineering at UW. I started in Civil Engineering as a road designer in Cheyenne and moved to Billings and started with MDT in 2004.

For fun I like to read, watch soccer, and travel.

Time at MDT: 4 years

Why (do you work at) MDT...I like working for the public because it is fulfilling. The types of projects that I can be involved in vary widely so there is always something new to learn.

Job duties ...As a R/W Designer, I review deeds and as-built plans and surveys, design new right-of-way, make new r/w plans and write new deeds. Sometimes I go to county courthouses and search for documents. I also am Co-Cadd Leader for the R/W Design department along with Amanda Brown in Helena, so I often help others with their CADD questions and work on solutions to problems that come up.

A typical day...I usually spend most of my day in Microstation, working on a design or on plans.

Qualities needed for the job ...Patience is always needed for a job with computers, but good communication is also necessary as R/W

always needs to get and give information to other departments. I think that multi-tasking is also important since there are multiple projects in different phases of design all the time.

Favorite thing(s) about working at MDT...I like the opportunity I've had to learn with MDT. All through my time here and especially when I was studying for my PE, I have been impressed by people who are willing to teach others so that everyone can benefit. I also like how the department has built-in opportunities for advancement and learning.

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