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# News Release

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## Resource Advisory Committee Seeks New Projects to Fund

Hamilton, Montana (October 26, 2020) – The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting new project proposals from the public. The application deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and the committee may award up to \$400,000 in funding.

Projects must benefit National Forest System lands and ecosystems in Ravalli County. Projects must meet established criteria and improve federal lands in the following areas: roads and trails, infrastructure maintenance, soil and forest ecosystem health, watershed restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat, control of noxious weeds, and re-establishment of native species.

At least 50% of all project funds are dedicated to restoring streams and watersheds; or road maintenance, decommissioning or removal. Projects may be on private land, but must show a direct benefit to National Forest System lands.

Project application forms are available online at [https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd680169.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd680169.pdf)

To submit a project proposal, send an application to [joni.lubke@usda.gov](mailto:joni.lubke@usda.gov) by December 31, 2020. For more information, contact Eric Winthers, Darby/Sula District Ranger at 406-821-4244 or Joni Lubke, RAC Committee Coordinator at 406-363-7100.

For more information about the Secure Rural School (SRS) Act visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/home>

Since 2001, RAC has approved more than \$2 million in funding for projects that benefit National Forest System lands in Ravalli County.

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