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RAC Application Deadline is December 31st

Hamilton, Montana (December 16, 2020) – The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to remind the public that they are currently seeking new project proposals. In order to be considered for funding, all applications must be received by December 31st, 2020. The committee may award up to \$400,000 in grants.

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

To submit a project proposal, send an application to 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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