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# News Release

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## Resource Advisory Committee to Meet This Month

Hamilton, Montana (February 4, 2021) – The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold two virtual meetings this month on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The purpose of the meetings is to hear presentations on project proposals and discuss and make recommendations on which projects will receive funding.

Recommended projects which occur on or directly benefit National Forest System (NFS) lands, receive funds that will make additional investments in meeting forest stewardship objectives, restoring and improving forest health and water quality, or improving existing infrastructure. The committee may award up to \$400,000 in funding.

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

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

The meetings are open to the public. For information on how to join the virtual meetings or submit a written comment, contact Joni Lubke, Ravalli RAC Coordinator at 406-363-7167 or [joni.lubke@usda.gov](mailto:joni.lubke@usda.gov) or Eric Winthers, Darby/Sula District Ranger at 406-821-4244 or [eric.winthers@usda.gov](mailto:eric.winthers@usda.gov).

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