



## Forest Service News Release

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### RAC Application Deadline is April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Hamilton, MT, April 18** — The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to remind the public that they are currently seeking new project proposals for 2022. To be considered for funding, all applications must be received by **April 29, 2022**. The committee may award up to \$116,000 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, 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 [tod.mckay@usda.gov](mailto:tod.mckay@usda.gov) by April 29, 2022.

The Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee will meet later this spring to hear project proposals and make funding recommendations. Meeting dates have not yet been finalized. The RAC is comprised of a group of local citizens. Since 2001, RAC has approved more than \$2.5 million in funding for projects that benefit National Forest System lands in Ravalli County.

For more information on submitting a project proposal, contact Abbie Jossie, Darby/Sula District Ranger at 406-821-4244 or [abbie.jossie@usda.gov](mailto:abbie.jossie@usda.gov) or Tod McKay, RAC Coordinator at 406-363-7122.

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