



Forest Service News Release

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Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee Accepting Project Proposals

Hamilton, MT, October 19th — The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting new project proposals for 2023. The project submission deadline is close of business on **December 15th, 2022**. The RAC is anticipating approximately \$200,000 in project funding to award. Funding and administration for the Ravalli RAC is provided under the authority of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

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. To submit a project proposal, send an application to tod.mckay@usda.gov by December 15th, 2022.

The Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee will meet in the winter of 2023 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 representing a wide array of interests. Since 2001, RAC has approved more than \$2.65 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 or Tod McKay, RAC Coordinator at 406-363-7122.

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