



Forest Service News Release

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Resource Advisory Committee to Meet This Month

Hamilton, MT, February 15 — The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting on February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1801 N. First Street in Hamilton. The purpose of the meeting 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.

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 \$2.5 million in funding for projects that benefit NFS lands in Ravalli County.

The meeting is open to the public. For information 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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