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RAC COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW PROJECTS TO FUND

Hamilton, MT. - The Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting new project proposals from the public. The application deadline is by close of business on May 15, 2015.

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 applications are available online on the Bitterroot National Forest website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/bitterroot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.

For more information about the Secure Rural School (SRS) Act, visit the SRS website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/home>

For more information or details on submitting a project proposal please contact RAC Committee Coordinator Joni Lubke at (406) 363-7182.