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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 February 28, 2014 and the committee has approximately \$190,000 in project funding to award.

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 by visiting the Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee for Ravalli County at https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Ravalli+County and click on the Propose a Title II Project link. You can also find it on the Bitterroot National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot.

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

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