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RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEADLINE APPROACHING

Hamilton, MT. – Citizens interested in serving on the Ravalli County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) have until January 15th to submit their application. The Bitterroot National Forest is seeking to fill six positions on the RAC. The committee consists of 18 members representing a wide array of interests. The purpose of the RAC is to propose projects that benefit National Forest system lands and ecosystems in Ravalli County, improve collaborative relationships, and provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service.

“We’re encouraging people with energy and commitment to get their applications in to us by January 15th,” said Dan Ritter, Stevensville District Ranger. “If you’re interested in working collaboratively with a diverse group of people on projects and issues that benefit our National Forest and public lands, then the RAC is for you.”

Committee members serve a four-year term without compensation. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Forest Supervisor’s office in Hamilton. Prospective members are advised that membership on the RAC requires a substantial commitment of time and energy. Applicants will be evaluated on their education, experience working with the interest area they represent, their knowledge of the geographic area, and their contribution to the balance and diversity of the RAC.

Since 2001, the RAC has approved more than \$1.6 million in funding for projects that benefit National Forest system lands in Ravalli County. Applications are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot or at any Bitterroot National Forest office. Applications must be signed and are due by January 15, 2013. For more information, contact Dan Ritter at (406) 777-5461.

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