



Flathead National Forest

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Flathead National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Accepting Project Proposals

The Flathead National Forest Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is requesting project proposals for implementation in 2009. Proposals are due by February 9, and are available from the forest's website /www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead/ or by contacting Denise Germann with the Forest Service at 758-5252.

The committee will allocate approximately \$300,000 for a variety of projects. Funds may be used for projects on federal and non-federal lands that benefit National Forest System lands. Approximately 50% of the funding will be granted to road, trail and watershed projects.

Previous RAC projects include;

- Forest thinning, tree planting and forest health improvement activities,
- Road improvements,
- Noxious weed control activities,
- Trail improvements,
- Recreation restoration and maintenance projects,
- Educational and outreach activities, and
- Enhancement of wildlife and fish habitat.

Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that provide economic benefit to the community, create partnerships, have public visibility and contribute to overall forest health, visitor enjoyment and the educational value of public lands.

Recent legislation authorized payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act through 2011. The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee was originally chartered in 2001 by the US Department of Agriculture under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The local committee is comprised of fifteen community members representing a diverse representation of the county, including outdoor recreation, commercial timber industry, environmental organizations, school officials and local elected officials.

For more information contact the Flathead National Forest at 758-5252.

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