WHAT IS THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS) PROGRAM?

SRS provides necessary funding to over 700 U.S. and Puerto Rico counties for roads, schools, and other municipal services.

- The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act was passed in 2000 to stabilize funds available to rural counties.
- Payments are divided into 3 categories:
  I. **Title I**: Roads and Schools
  II. **Title II**: Projects on Federal Lands
  III. **Title III**: County Projects

WHAT IS A RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

- RAC members review and recommend Title II projects for the Forest Supervisor and comment on Title III projects.
- Every RAC has balanced representation in 3 main interest areas: commercial, environment, and local.
- RACs are made up of 15 members.
- Members are required to reside in the state of Mississippi.
- You don’t have to be an expert to apply. All that is required is a strong interest in community or environmental well-being.

CALLING PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS...

Are you someone who wants to make a **positive change** in your community? If so, becoming a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Member might be for you. People of all ethnicities, races, gender, disability status, and age are encouraged to apply.

Contact Information & Link to More Information

- For more information, please contact: Kara Davis at kara.davis2@usda.gov.
- Call Kara Davis at 601-965-1645.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE TO BE HEARD.
“Join the NFMS RAC and make an active difference in how the forests are managed.”

**BENEFITS OF JOINING A RAC:**

- Advancement of **professional development** skills, including public speaking, collaboration, and creativity
- Creating a lasting impact on public lands and the **wellbeing** of the environment for future generations
- **Uplifting** your community through economic advancements and an increase in ecosystem services
- **Experience** in collaborating with the federal government
- Making your voice and ideas **heard** amongst people and agencies who **value** your perspective

**Funding In a Glance:**

- Across the country, National Forests receive over **200 million dollars** annually!
- In 2020, **$211,246,924** was distributed to National Forests!