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

KALISPELL, MT - The Flathead National Forest Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is currently requesting project proposals. Proposals are due by August 27th, 2012. It is anticipated that approximately \$284,000 will be available for a variety of projects. Funds may be used for projects on federal and non-federal lands that benefit National Forest System lands. Approximately half of the funding will be granted to road, trail, and watershed projects.

Project forms are available from the Flathead County RAC Web site: https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Flathead+County. Completed applications can be submitted directly to this site. Forms can also be obtained from Louise Larimore at 406-758-5251. Completed forms can be sent by email to llarimore@fs.fed.us.

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 educational value of public lands.

Previous RAC projects include:

- Forest thinning, tree planting and forest health activities;
- Road improvements and dust abatement;
- Noxious weed control activities;
- Trail improvements;
- Recreation and maintenance projects; and
- Enhancement of wildlife and fish habitat.

The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee was 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 outdoor recreation, commercial timber industry, environmental organizations, school officials and local elected officials.

For more information contact Craig Kendall, the Designated Federal Officer with the Flathead National Forest, at 406-758-6485.

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