



## Flathead National Forest

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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 for possible funding from federal grant dollars through title II of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program in anticipation of renewed funding for 2013. Proposals are due by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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](https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/RAC/Flathead+County). Completed applications can be submitted directly to this site. Questions and assistance with submitting forms can be obtained from Louise Larimore at 406-758-5251 or you can email your request to [llarimore@fs.fed.us](mailto: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 Wade Muehlhof, the Designated Federal Officer with the Flathead National Forest, at 406-758-5252.

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