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Route To:

Subject: HLF RAC funding awarded at FY25 meeting

To: HLF employees, partners, and members of the community

I have reviewed the projects that the Helena-Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee (HLF RAC) has recommended for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Self Determination Act of 2008, also known as the Payments to States Legislation. I have reviewed these projects to determine that they meet the intent of the Act.

For each project this evaluation determined if:

- The projects comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations;
- The projects are consistent with the applicable resource management plan and any subsequent plan developed pursuant to the resource management plan;
- The projects have been recommended by the resource advisory committee in accordance with section 203;
- The projects meet the Secure Rural Schools criteria.

The HLF RAC met on September 4, 2025, to evaluate nine (9) submitted proposals and to make a recommendation for the distribution of funds, as provided for under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-determination Act of 2008. The current estimate of available funds is \$90,000. The nine submitted proposals totaled \$535,474.90.

PROJECT APPROVAL based on HLF RAC recommendation: Based on the HLF RAC recommendation provided on September 4, 2025, I approve funding for nine (9) projects as described in the table below:

2025 RAC Project	Partner	Project POC	Request	Funding with current funds	Funding if SRS Charter is renewed
Continental Divide Access Improvements	Montana Conservations Corps	Adam Hein	\$140,000		\$140,000 (7)
Macdonald Pass Cross-Country Ski Trails Access and Safety	Last Chance Nordic Ski Club	Cliff Sheets	\$36,000	\$22,760 (1)	



Porphyry Peak Noxious Weed Control	Showdown Montana	Luke Jaraczski	\$20,000	0	0
Porphyry Peak Hiking Trail	Showdown Montana	Luke Jaraczski	\$56,600		\$56,600 (8)
Volunteer Stewardship in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex	Bob Marshall Wilderness Association	Clifford Kipp	\$102,123.90	\$20,000 (2)	\$30,000 (6)
Deford Trail Improvement Project	City of Helena	Brad Langsather	\$27,240	\$27,240 (3)	
Road Maintenance on the HLF	Forest Service	Dan Woods	\$50,000		\$50,000 (5)
Helena Youth Corps	Montana Conservation Corps	Ashley Mazzullo	\$83,500		\$83,500 (9)
Continuation of South Hills Maintenance	Prickly Pear Land Trust	Tim Lawrence	\$20,000	\$20,000 (4)	

Timing for project implementation will be informed by the completion of environmental (NEPA) analyses, developing and amending grants/agreement or contracts, and USFS staff capacity. I appreciate the time and effort of the HLF RAC members in reviewing and recommending projects as well as the forest in submitting proposals for funding.

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