



Flathead National Forest

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Flathead National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Has Vacancies

The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) authorized by the United States Secretary of Agriculture has openings for **one member and three alternate members**. Applications must be submitted to the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office by March 31, 2009. Applications are available from the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office at 650 Wolfpack Way or by calling 758-5252.

The Resource Advisory Committee consists of 15 members, each appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture for a four-year term. Members serve without compensation. Of the 15 members, five members represent each of three categories established by Congress to provide balanced and broad representation. There are also three alternate or replacement members for each category. The categories include:

Category A- organized labor, non-timber forest product harvester group, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use or commercial recreation, energy and mineral development, commercial or recreational fishing, commercial timber, and Federal grazing permittee or other land-use permittee or non-industrial private forest land owner, and

Category B- nationally, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation, archaeology and history, nationally or regionally recognized wild horse or burro interests, and wildlife or hunting organizations or watershed associations, and

Category C- State, county or local elected officials, American Indian Tribes, school officials or teachers and the public-at-large.

The committee reviews and recommends projects for funding that will benefit national forest system lands within Flathead County.

The Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee was chartered in 2001 by the US Department of Agriculture under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is authorized with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and the reauthorization in October 2008.

For more information about the Flathead County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) contact Denise Germann, public affairs officer with the Flathead National Forest at 758-5252.

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