
Gallatin National Forest & Gallatin County News Release

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Members Still Needed for Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee

Bozeman, MT... The Gallatin National Forest and Gallatin County continue seeking candidates for a Gallatin County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Membership is open to Montana residents.

Because this is a newly established RAC under the Secure Rural School (SRS) and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, 15 RAC members and alternates are needed. The purposes of the Secure Rural Schools Act include making investments and creating employment opportunities by prioritizing and implementing projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement forest stewardship objectives, and restore and improve land health and water quality.

Members of a RAC will review projects proposed under SRS Title II by participating counties, propose projects and funding, and coordinate with the Forest Service in recommending Title II projects. RAC members also provide opportunities for other interested parties to participate in developing Title II projects, monitor project implementation, and make recommendations for project adjustments or changes as needed.

Any Montana resident interested in serving on the Gallatin County committee must complete an application form that will be used for a required background check. Applications are available online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>. Applications and further information is also available at Gallatin National Forest offices or the Gallatin County Commissioner's office or by calling (406) 587-6701 or (406) 582-3000. Printed, signed applications are due by April 10, 2009. Please mail applications to Gallatin National Forest, attn: Marna Daley, P.O. Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59771.

For more information, please visit www.fs.fed.us/srs/.

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