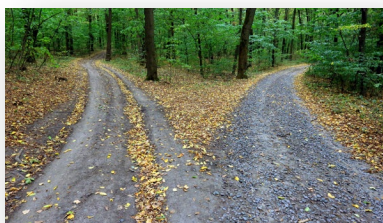




## WHAT IS THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS) PROGRAM?

SRS provides necessary funding to over 700 U.S. and Puerto Rico counties for roads, schools, and other municipal services.

- The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act was passed in 2000 to stabilize funds available to rural counties.
- Payments are divided into 3 categories:
  - I. **Title I:** Roads and Schools
  - II. **Title II:** Projects on Federal Lands
  - III. **Title III:** County Projects



## CALLING PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS...

Are you someone who wants to make a **positive change** in your community? If so, becoming a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Member might be for you. People of *all* ethnicities, races, gender, disability status, and age are encouraged to apply.

## WHAT IS A RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

- RAC members review and recommend Title II projects for the Forest Supervisor and comment on Title III projects.
- Every RAC has balanced representation in 3 main interest areas: commercial, environment, and local.
- RACs are made up of 15 members.
- Members are required to reside in the state of Mississippi
- You don't have to be an expert to apply. All that is required is a strong interest in community or environmental well-being.



## THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE TO BE HEARD.

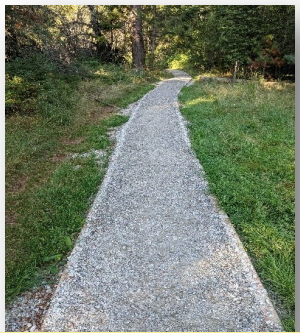
## Contact Information & Link to More Information

- For more information, please contact:  
Kara Davis at kara.davis2@usda.gov.
- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r8/recreation/racs>
- Call Kara Davis at 601-965-1645.



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managed.”*

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### BENEFITS OF JOINING A RAC:

- Advancement of **professional development** skills, including public speaking, collaboration, and creativity
- Creating a lasting impact on public lands and the **wellbeing** of the environment for future generations
- **Uplifting** your community through economic advancements and an increase in ecosystem services
- **Experience** in collaborating with the federal government
- Making your voice and ideas **heard** amongst people and agencies who **value** your perspective



Around the United States, over 100 RACS exist to help National Forests choose which projects to pursue with Secure Rural Schools funding.

### Funding In a Glance:

Across the country, National Forests receive over 200 million dollars annually!

In 2020, \$211,246,924 was distributed to National Forests!