

Payment to States Conference Call Notes from 6/12/02

- Jim Colbert of the WO will be detailed to NACO (National Association of Counties) starting May 28, 2002. Jim will be the liaison between the Forest Service and NACO. He will be learning about the progress of projects (both Title II and III) of all regions.
- Doris Celarier developed a chart for what information is needed when submitting replacement member nominees. She will send out soon.
- Tom Quinn needs copies of the Title II project agreement forms. Copies of the forms were sent to all DFO's.
- Nationally, we may adopt R5's data base for projects and use it as a National data base.
- The National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition would like to participate in these monthly conference calls. Tom Quinn will work with the coalition to get this done.
- There is an appeal in the WO of our not providing names of nominees and selectees for RACs. We must share the information of nominees and selectees with the public. We must put the response for that information in the form of a FOIA inquiry even though the public does not have to submit a FOIA.
- We need to make sure nominees for RACs are qualified to fill the slot they are nominated for. We also need to recruit immediately for replacement members when a vacancy on a RAC is filled by the current replacement member.
- If/when a county accrues interest on Title III fund, that interest must only be used for Title III projects.
- The Q&A section of the National Website for Payment to States will have the question of whether NEPA must be done on private land for a Title II project. The answer is yes, but the NEPA decision is not appealable.
- The next conference call is tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2002.