



Public Service Announcement TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

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Project proposals for funding through the Secure Rural Schools Act Juneau Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) are currently being accepted. Projects must meet the purposes of improving or maintaining existing infrastructure (roads & trails), implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forested ecosystems, and/or restoring and improving land health and water quality on National Forest System lands.

The Juneau RAC has an estimated \$600,000 to fund natural resource-related projects on or directly affecting National Forest System lands in the Juneau area. Proposals ranging in size and monetary scope up to \$600,000 will be considered for funding. Projects do not have to be located on National Forest lands to qualify, but they must have direct benefit to National Forest resources. If your proposal includes non-National Forest lands, a map of the project location is encouraged. Examples of projects being solicited for funding include:

- Road and trail maintenance or obliteration
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health
- Fish/wildlife habitat restoration, maintenance, improvement
- Re-establishment of native species
- Soil productivity improvement
- Watershed restoration/maintenance
- Control of invasive species
- Other proposals that meet the purposes of the Act

Project proposals will be accepted by the Juneau RAC only on the approved project submittal form. Hard copy forms are available at the Juneau Ranger District. Electronic forms are available by contacting RAC Coordinator Hannah Atadero at hatadero@fs.fed.us or (907) 586-8879, or Designated Federal Official Marti Marshall at mmarshall01@fs.fed.us or (907) 789-6244.

Early coordination with the Forest Service for cost estimation, feasibility, and planning requirements is strongly encouraged.

Complete project proposals must be received by the RAC Coordinator by close of business, July 29, 2011. Proposal forms will be accepted through email, fax, or hardcopy. The RAC will meet to review and recommend projects for funding beginning August 22, 2011 until all funds are committed. The meetings will be open for public comment. Meeting specifics, when finalized, will be publicized.

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