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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland

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Forest Service seeking nominations for Resource Advisory Committee

(Laramie, Wyo) – April 15, 2009 – The Forest Service is seeking people from communities throughout Wyoming and Colorado, elected officials or special interest group representatives as nominees for the MedBow-Routt Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Application forms must be received at the Med-Bow-Routt National Forests' office by May 15, 2009.

The RAC represents a wide range of interests. The committee's duties include reviewing proposed land management projects on or adjacent to the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests which are funding through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act. The committee recommends which projects to fund and is responsible for coordinating with land management agencies and county officials. Projects are located in Routt and Jackson counties in Colorado and Albany and Carbon counties in Wyoming.

The four-year term would begin upon appointment by the Secretary of Agriculture. Committee members serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses. Members must be Wyoming or Colorado residents, preferably living in one of the four counties served by the RAC.

Meetings are held at least once and up to four times during the year within one of the four counties listed.

Each RAC consists of 15 members, split equally between the three categories listed below. There may also be a non-voting replacement member in each category. Applicants may apply in more than one category. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture will make the appointments to the RAC based on the applications received, striving to appoint members who have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively with others of different viewpoints.

Category One:

- Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups

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- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle, commercial recreation
 - Energy and mineral development
 - Commercial or recreational fishing
 - Commercial timber industry
 - Federal grazing permit holders or land use permit holders within the RAC area
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Category Two:

- Nationally recognized environmental organizations
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations
- Dispersed recreation
- Archaeological and historical interests
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse or burro groups, wildlife or hunting organizations or watershed associations.

Category Three:

- State-elected office holders
- County or local elected officials
- American Indian tribal representatives from tribes within or adjacent to RAC areas
- School officials or teachers
- Citizens representing the affected public at large

Citizens interested in applying for RAC membership are encouraged to retrieve an application form (AD 755), and on-line at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/resources/rac>

Applications must be received by May 15, 2009 at Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, ATTN: Diann Ritschard, RAC Coordinator, 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80487. Applications must contain original signatures. For more information, contact Ritschard at 970-870-2187, dritschard@fs.fed.us.

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Additional information about the Secure Rural Schools Act Title II funds and Resource Advisory Committees is at <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs>. For more information about the resource advisory committee process, contact Diann Ritschard at 970-870-2187, or dritschard@fs.fed.us.

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