



Fact Sheet

Forest Resource Advisory Committee

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, passed in 2008, provides funds to counties, based on acres of National Forest System Land and population within the county.

The funds can be used for 1) schools and roads, 2) projects on or adjacent to national forests to improve existing infrastructure, and enhance forest ecosystems and 3) county search and rescue, Firewise Community activities and community wildfire protection plans.

A Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meets at least once a year to review and recommend Title II projects to be financed by the Secure Rural Schools fund.

RAC members are selected from a pool of applicants solicited by the Forest and representatives from Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan and Sanpete county governments.

Members are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture for a term of four years. They must reside in the state of Utah, preferably from Carbon, Emery, Grand, San Juan and Sanpete counties.

The committee consists of 15 members and 3 non-voting alternates who represent the following interests, with six members from each category:

Category A:

- Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups
- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle, commercial recreation
- Energy and mineral development or commercial or recreational fishing
- Commercial timber industry
- Federal grazing permit holders, or land use permit holders within the RAC area, or nonindustrial private landowners

Category B:

- 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 C:

- 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

For more information visit: www.fs.fed.us/srs or contact:

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Completed applications must be received at the Manti-La Sal National Forest, ATTN:
Pam Brown, 599 W. Price River Drive, Price, Utah 84501 by May 1, 2009 at 5 p.m.