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KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST SEEKING RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest is seeking members to serve on the Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC was chartered under the Payments to States Act of 2001 to improve collaborative relationships and provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service. RAC members solicit, review and recommend projects that meet the following objectives:

- Improve maintenance of existing infrastructure
- Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems
- Restore and improve land health and water quality
- Create additional employment opportunities

Over the past three years, the RAC has helped fund 58 projects totaling over \$1,350,000 in Siskiyou County. Projects recommended by the RAC include trails reconstruction and maintenance projects, fish passage and waterway restoration activities, community wildfire fuels reduction efforts, conservation education programs, and noxious weed reduction efforts. All RAC projects must show a clear benefit to a National Forest. Many of the projects are located on one of the five National Forests in Siskiyou County, but a majority occurs on private lands.

The original members of the Siskiyou County RAC were appointed to three year terms in November, 2001. Their terms are expiring and, although many members are expected to reapply, there may be several vacancies among the 15 member positions and 3 replacement positions.

To be eligible for consideration, prospective committee members must reside within the State of California and preferably within Siskiyou County. Prospective members should be

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representative of at least one element of one of the following three categories:

- Organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, energy and mineral development interests, commercial timber industry, or hold federal grazing or other land use permits with the Forest and Del Norte County.
- Nationally recognized environmental organizations, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.
- State elected office or a designee, County or local elected official, American Indian Tribes within or adjacent to Del Norte County, schools officials or teachers, or represent the affected public at large.

The RAC meets on the third Monday of each month at the Yreka High School Library. Meetings start at 4:30 PM and usually last from 2 to 3 hours. The RAC also has subcommittees that occasionally require additional commitments by Members.

Application forms and additional information can be obtained from Don Hall at the Forest Service (541) 841-4468, donaldhall@fs.fed.us, or picked up at any Forest Service office in Siskiyou County. Application forms can also be obtained by visiting the Klamath National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/projects/rural/index.shtml> and selecting the "RAC Member Application Package."

People interested in being considered for the RAC should complete an application form and submit the application by June 14 to Peg Boland, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097.

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