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Funding for Natural Resource Projects Available

The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is soliciting project proposals for financial support under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Projects must have broad based support with objectives that may include, but are not limited to: road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration; soil productivity improvements; improvements in forest ecosystem health; watershed restoration and maintenance; wildlife and fish habitat improvements; control of noxious and exotic weeds; reintroduction of native species, and hazardous fuels reduction. Projects can be on public land or private land if the project has a clear benefit to the public land resource.

The Plumas County RAC will have two funding cycles between now and Sep. 30, 2009. Approximately \$540,000 is available for Cycle 8 funding and for projects starting later this spring. A full application is now required as the two stage application process has been discontinued. Cycle 8 applications are due by March 4, 2009, to the Plumas County RAC, c/o Plumas National Forest, P.O. Box 11500/159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971, Attn: Lee Anne Schramel Taylor. The Plumas County RAC will review the applications on March 27 and provide their recommendations to the appropriate Forest Supervisors for decision sometime in mid-April. All RAC project concepts must be closely coordinated with Ranger District representatives and other key partners.

Cycle 9 applications are due to the above address by April 30, 2009. The Plumas County RAC will review the applications on June 5 and provide their recommendations to the appropriate

Forest Supervisors for decision sometime in mid-June. Cycle 9 funding, approximately \$486,000, will not be available until early 2010.

To obtain a copy of the application or to get more information about the Plumas County RAC project application process, please contact Lee Anne Schramel Taylor at (530) 283-7850 or access the web at www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas. Links to other information about the Secure Rural Schools legislation and county RACs can be found on the same website.

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