

Request for Resource Advisory Committee Proposals 2008

The **Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)** invites proposals for the use of funds provided by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Public Law 106-393). Approximately \$948,937 will be available in federal fiscal year 2008 for RAC-approved projects that benefit National Forest lands in Trinity County. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Watershed Restoration
- Road and Trail Maintenance
- Fuels reduction
- Wildlife and Fish Habitat Improvement
- Improvement in forest ecosystem health
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds
- Soil productivity improvement
- Re-establishment of native species

The Resource Advisory Committee will give preference to projects that:

- 1) Provide employment to Trinity County residents,
- 2) Utilize matching funds, or complement a larger project funded by other sources,
- 3) Promote economic diversity,
- 4) Improve land health and/or water quality,
- 5) Maximize percentage of project costs going to project implementation, and/or
- 6) Heighten public awareness of and promote stewardship of local resources.

>From the funds available for use in fiscal year 2008, the RAC has tentatively decided to allocate approximately one half of the funds to fuels reduction projects, and one half to road maintenance/sediment-reduction projects, less \$71,081 to projects in other eligible categories. Proposals are welcome from any source. Individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, tribes, and government agencies are eligible for funding consideration through grants or cooperative agreements with the Forest Service; projects can also be funded through traditional Forest Service contracting procedures.

Public proposals, which are not fuels, or roads must be submitted by August 10, 2007, preferably by e-mail. Preliminary proposals may be a single page description of the work to be performed, including location, schedule, and budget. Proposals will be evaluated by RAC subcommittees, and considered for approval by the full RAC in August. RAC meetings are open to the public. Our next full RAC meeting will be Thursday, August 30, 2007

Proposals for fuels reduction projects should be submitted to Pat Frost, RAC Fuels Subcommittee chairman: pfrost@tcrd.net, (530) 623-4859 by August 10, 2007. There will be a Fuels Sub-committee meeting on July 16, 2007 @ 9:30am at the county schools office.

Proposals for road maintenance/sediment reduction projects should be submitted to Carl Bonomini, RAC Roads Subcommittee chairman by August 10, 2007: cbonomini@trinitycounty.org There will be a Roads ,Sub-committee meeting on July 16, 2007@ 1:30pm at the county schools office.

Proposals for all other eligible projects should be submitted to Jim French, RAC Chairman: <jimf@tcoek12.org>, (530) 623-2861 ex. 222

Information about the RAC program can be obtained from Jim French, RAC chairman, c/o Trinity County Office of Education, P.O. Box 1256, Weaverville, CA 96093, (530) 623-2861 ex.222, or <jimf@tcoek12.org>.