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Applications Available for Natural Resource Project Proposals

Bend - Applications will be available starting January 15, 2009 to propose natural resource projects that would benefit the Deschutes or Ochoco National Forests. Approximately \$850,000 is available for projects on or adjacent to National Forest lands in Crook, Deschutes, Grant Jefferson, Klamath and Wheeler counties.

This is an opportunity for citizens, community organizations and local governments to propose projects that improve the health of forests and watersheds. Projects may include restoring fish and wildlife habitat, removing noxious weeds, improving soil productivity, obliterating or maintaining roads, trails, or existing infrastructure, reducing hazardous fuels and reestablishing native species. Emphasis will be placed on projects that create partnerships, and provide employment opportunities in our communities.

The Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), a committee of Central Oregon residents, will make funding recommendations from the projects submitted in response to this call for proposals. Funds are authorized under Title II of Public Law 110-343. For more information and text of the legislation, go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs>

Applications will be available at

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/partnership/rac/rac-index.shtml> and at Ochoco National Forest Headquarters, 3160 NE 3rd Street, Prineville; Deschutes National Forest Headquarters, 1001 SW Emkay Dr., Bend; Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE 3rd Street, Suite A-262, Bend; Crescent Ranger District, 136471 Highway 97 N, Crescent; Sisters Ranger District, Pine Street & Highway 20, Sisters; Crooked River National Grassland, 813 SW Highway 97, Madras; COIC, 2363 Glacier Place, Redmond and other COIC offices in Central Oregon.

Completed applications are due March 2, 2009 by 4:30 pm; an electronic and hard copy application must be submitted. Late applications will not be accepted. Mail electronically to: kelzner@coic.org, and mail or deliver hard copy to: ATTN: Kelly Elzner, RAC Application, COIC, 2363 SW Glacier Place, Redmond, OR 97756. For additional information, contact Laurel Skelton, Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests, at (541) 416-6530 or Kelly Elzner, COIC, (541) 548-9544.

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