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USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests
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USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District
(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

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Fremont and Winema RAC Collecting Project Proposals

Lakeview, Oregon – The Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is currently accepting proposals from the public for resource management projects. Proposals will be accepted until April 1, 2004.

This RAC operates under the provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. It is responsible for evaluating and recommending resource management projects eligible for about \$3.0 million of funding each year. Projects should focus on restoring land health and water quality in or near National Forest lands while putting people to work in Lake and Klamath Counties. Whether the project proposals come from the Forest Service or other groups, the RAC is very interested in seeing work done that results in healthier forests, healthier watersheds, and a healthier local economy.

This is the fourth year this RAC will evaluate project proposals. Last summer, the RAC reviewed more than 90 project proposals from the Forest Service, the public, watershed councils, and other agencies. Of those proposals, the RAC recommended 45 projects for funding by the County Payments legislation. In the next round of projects, the RAC hopes to pick up right where they left off, putting the local contracting workforce to the important task of restoring the nations' watersheds and forests.

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Project proposals follow a standard format, available from local Forest Service offices or on the Internet at http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/r4/payments_to_states.nsf. Project proposals should be submitted to Bill Aney at the Paisley Ranger District, PO Box 67, Paisley OR 97636. Aney can be reached by phone at (541) 943-3114.

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