

# RAC events

on the Fremont-Winema National Forests



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## Title II Meeting to Approve Projects for FY2011

The Fremont-Winema Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), proponents and staff met at the Klamath Ranger District office June 22-23 to recommend projects for Title II funding in fiscal year 2011. On June 22 each proponent had between five and ten minutes to present their project and to answer questions from the RAC. Questions asked by the RAC range from objectives of ecological treatments and their effects on forest health to budget items. Many RAC members have served together for many years. Some of the members have been on the committee since the Secure Rural Schools Act was implemented in 2001. The Fremont-Winema RAC is a diverse, knowledgeable team that works like a well oiled machine. They prioritize projects that are integrated and treat entire watersheds. They like to see the funds go to on-the-ground work rather than planning. By taking this approach this RAC has supported a phenomenal amount of ecosystem restoration.

Once again, as in previous years, the proponents came to the RAC with some fantastic projects. Projects proposed by the Forest and local communities included fish passage, fuels reduction through thinning and prescribed fire, wildlife and fish habitat improvement, bark beetle mitigation, noxious weed treatments, erosion control, riparian restoration, meadow enhancement and youth work programs.

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### RAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Lani Hickey (chair)*

*Pete Talbott*

*Melvin Dick*

*Mary Baker*

*Bill Duke*

*Anita Ward*

*Richard Brown*

*Craig Bienz*

*Jane O'Keefe*

*Al Switzer*

*Don Gentry*

*Brett Johnson*

*Dan Shoun*

*Ross Westgate*

*Replacement Member*

*Jim Walls*



*RAC Members listen as proponents propose new projects for Fiscal Year 20 11*

**Putting Local People to Work at Ecosystem Restoration**

# FY 2011 Approved Projects List

## Lake County

- FL-1107 Summer Lake Weed, Private, Noxious Weeds- \$23,750.00
- FL-0-1101 Weed Suppression, Forest Wide, Noxious Weeds- \$80,000.00
- FL-1101 Augur/ Camp Creek, Private, Noxious Weeds- \$9,000.00
- FL-2-1105 Thomas Creek Tributary, Lakeview, Fish Habitat- \$18,900.00
- FL-1105 Kelly Creek, Private, Fish Habitat- \$51,800.00
- FL-4-1101 Bull Trout, Silver Lake, Fish Habitat- \$7,520.00
- FL-0-1102 Native Plants, Forest Wide, Noxious Weeds-\$30,000.00
- FL-2-1103 Howard Creek, Lakeview, Fish Habitat- \$24,500.00
- FL-1104 Collins Weed, Private, Noxious Weeds- \$15,000.00
- FL-1108 Thomas Creek, Private, Noxious Weeds- \$3,800.00
- FL-2-1104 West Drows, Lakeview, Wildlife Habitat- \$75,000.00
- FL-1103 Chewaucan Weed, Private/ FS, Weed Suppression- \$5,750.00
- FL-2-1101 North Warner, Lakeview, Forest Health- \$52,295.00
- FL-3-1101 Chewaucan Aquatic, Paisley, Fish Habitat- \$53,600.00
- FL-3-1102 Swamp Creek, Paisley, Forest Health- \$19,500.00
- FL-1102 Chandler, Private, Forest Health Improvement- \$30,000.00
- Total: \$600,044.00

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## Klamath County

- WK-0-1102 Invasive Plant Control, Forest Wide, Noxious Weed Control-\$60,000.00
- WK-1104 Dixon Creek, Bly, Fish Habitat- \$65,000.00
- WK-1106 Lost River, Klamath Watershed Partnership, Noxious Weed Control- \$24,000.00
- WK-1103 South Fork, Bly, Forest Health Improvement- \$10,000.00
- WK-1107 Sprague River Weed, Klamath Watershed Partnership, Noxious Weed Control- \$24,000.00
- WK-0-110 Native Plants, Forest Wide, Native Species Restoration- \$62,500.00
- WK-1103 Sprague LB Ranch, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish Habitat- \$68,900.00
- WK-1104 Intregal Youth Services, IYS, Noxious Weed Control -\$51,407.00
- WK-1108 Sand Creek Ranch, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Watershed Restoration-\$23,200.00
- WK-1109 Miranda Spring Levee Breach, USFWS, Fish Habitat- \$33,000.00
- WK-1101 Tull BEMA, Bly, Wildlife Habitat- \$19,000.00
- WK-11101 Modoc Pileated, Chemult, Wildlife Habitat- \$38,112.00
- WK-B-1102 Camp McLoughlin, Klamath, Forest health Improvement- \$105,000.00
- WK-1101 Four Mile/ Harriman Spring, USFWS, Fish Habitat- \$73,400.00
- Total: \$857,519.00

## A word from the Chair...

As I write this, it has been about 2 1/2 months since The Fremont-Winema Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met to recommend Title II projects for the 2011 season. I had the honor of being elected Chair at that meeting, succeeding Lani Hickey who has led us so ably for the last three years. Thanks, Lani, for setting an example I will do my best to live up to!

As always, there were dozens of excellent projects for us to consider. Project proponents had obviously put a lot of time and thought into preparing the proposals and presentations. Unfortunately (as always!), there was a very limited amount of funding available. At the end of our process, I think the RAC recommended a group of projects that will make a real difference in watershed and forest health across Lake and Klamath counties, both on Forest Service and adjacent private lands.

Thank you, RAC members, for all of the time spent preparing for the meeting, the various perspectives and expertise you all bring to the process, and for treating each other with respect in spite of strongly held differences of opinion. Thanks also to Amy Gowan and Cindi Nolan, for supporting our work and keeping us on track.

I hope to see many of you during our September 22 and 23 field trip, and look forward to our next round of work in 2011.

*Mary Baker, Fremont-Winema RAC Chair*



## Working hard for the Summer

Under the supervision of Jeannette Wilson, you will not only learn your way around the Forest but you will get the work out of a lifetime. With the assistance of Title II funds the botany program on the Forest is able to hire seasonal employees to assist in the fight against noxious weed. This year Jeannette hired three seasonals on the SE Zone and four on the NE Zone.

I decided to join them one day to take pictures for their annual report. It was an experience I will never forget but so rewarding that I would repeat it. Even though by the end of the day I was beat, I felt accomplished.

This day, as with many before, the “weed warriors” as they refer to themselves, would tackle the Winter Fire area. Last winter the blow down in the treatment area was severe making traversing difficult. The crew encountered miles of logs to climb over, under or around. You have to wade right in to get at the weeds and that is just what this team does. They got after it and when the day was done, the weeds were lying on the ground covering more than 200 acres. Each one of the team has

been changed by this experience.

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# Reflections from the Project sites...



**Sheena and Samantha pulling Thistle in the Winter Fire area**

Some members of the team shared with me that they find it impossible to drive around the countryside these days and spot a noxious weed without wanting to get out and eliminate it from the land Jeannette has definitely made her mark, not only on the Forest but in the way each of her team members think about weeds and their effect on the Forest. The team recognizes how huge the weed eradication problem is and are willing to give their 120% to make a difference.

*Thanks to the crew for letting this writer join them and thanks for their great efforts in the fight against noxious weeds!*

**Working Hard for the Summer cont.**



**Fremont-Winema Forest 2010 Weeds Crew**

Left to right

Tami Dark, Rachel Suits, Wade McHargue, Sarah Billick, Samantha Parks, (in the back trying to hide is Jeannette Wilson– The Weed Warriors Fearless Leader), and Ross Henshaw (not pictured was Sheena Grimsbo).



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**Do you have a restoration project you would like the Forest and RAC to consider for Title II funding?**

**The call for FY2012 project proposals, outlining application timeframes, will be out around the beginning of the calendar year. Stay tuned and feel free to call Lucinda or Amy as the call for proposals time draws near:**

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