

# RAC events

on the Fremont-Winema National Forests



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## Secure Rural Schools Act Reauthorized at the Eleventh Hour

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the Fall 2009 Edition of the Fremont-Winema National Forests Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Newsletter!

We're pleased to be resurrecting our newsletter. It's been a long hiatus since the 2007 edition. At last publication, we were preparing to close up shop, say our goodbyes and develop alternative opportunities for building upon our 2000-2008 Title II accomplishments in watershed restoration in Klamath and Lake Counties, Oregon.

Thanks to the October 2008 reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (P.L.110-343) legislation our doors are open again for business. Speaking of business, we hit the ground running with a resuscitated RAC membership and quorum. To date, we developed and hosted two workshops on "How to Prepare Successful Title II Proposals" for Forest employees and our external partners. We have completed the Title II project application and RAC review process for FY 2009 and 2010 including recommendations for funding to the Forest Supervisor and onto the Secretary of Agriculture. Our annual RAC field tour, held September 17 and 18, 2009, offered an important review of past, current and potential future Title II watershed restoration success stories.

The 2008 legislation marks a new beginning with four more years of RAC members' collaborative service, time commitment, and constructive sharing of knowledge, experience and expertise. We are looking forward to a continuation of the Fremont-Winema RAC's proven track record. Providing critical project review, feedback and recommendations of treatments that best benefit watershed health and put people back to work on both public and private lands in Klamath and Lake Counties, Oregon.

**Many Thanks** are extended to all RAC members, project proponents and partners who have contributed to one of the most successful programs in the nation!

Sincerely,  
Amy Gowan,  
Designated Federal Official

*RAC member and Klamath County Commissioner Al Switzer receives a plaque of appreciation for his service from Karen Shimamoto Fremont-Winema Forest Supervisor*



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*Putting Local People to Work at Ecosystem Restoration*

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# Funding Awarded for 2009

## Lake County 09

Summer Lake Restoration, Lake County Coop Weed Board~ \$24,750  
Noxious Weed Suppression, Lake County Forest Wide~ \$100,000  
Chevaucan Aquatic Habitat Restoration Phase 3, Paisley Ranger District ~ \$42,750  
Bridge Creek, Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management ~ \$18,000  
Bullard/Deadman Creek Watershed, Town of Lakeview~ \$25,000  
Buck Creek Juniper Thinning, Silver Lake Ranger District ~ \$66,250  
Thomas Creek Road Decommission, Lakeview Ranger District ~ \$43,650  
Watershed Monitoring, Lake County Resource Initiative~ \$83,530  
Cottonwood Complex Fence Reconstruction, SE Zone/Lakeview~ \$21,000  
Bull Precommercial Thin, Lakeview Ranger District ~ \$97,500  
Abe Thinning/Fuels, Lakeview Ranger District ~ \$103,000  
Lake County Barnes Valley Juniper II, Bly Ranger District ~ \$30,000

## Klamath County 09

Noxious Weed Management, Klamath County Forest Wide~ \$75,000  
Bull Trout Recovery Actions (Threemile Creek Road FR 3413), Klamath~ \$152,575  
Fivemile US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)~ \$27,000  
West Side Spring Habitat Enhancement, USFWS~ \$7,708  
Sprague River Restoration of Dusty Lane, USFWS~ \$5,975  
Ninemile North Riparian, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$68,300  
2009 Three Buttes, Chemult Ranger District ~ \$272,125  
Seven Mile Creek Fish Passage, Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust (KBRT)~ \$28,125  
Horse Canyon Creek Fish Passage, Bly Ranger District ~ \$91,100  
Wildhorse Meadows Restoration, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$21,000  
Improving Forest Condition through Youth, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$42,740  
Middle Jack Thin 2009, Chemult Ranger District ~ \$64,000  
Data Support Systems, Klamath County~ \$40,000



### A word from the Chair...

***Greetings to the Fremont-Winema RAC Members,***

***This last year has been a very busy time evaluating and ranking two rounds of RAC proposals. Even with our very stringent time frame, I have to commend all of you for your time and effort going through all the proposals and choosing projects that best fit the criteria for improved forest health. This once again proves how dedicated and efficient you are. We have a great group!***

***For those of you who were not able to attend the field trips, we visited a number of sites that proved our dollars are being well spent in Lake and Klamath Counties. We had a great two days with perfect weather, we were able to see firsthand some pretty incredible project results. We should all be very proud of the Title II improvements that have made our forests healthier and more ecologically viable. All of this work would not be made possible without the dedicated forest service employees using their expertise, hard work and long hours. Thank you all very much, we, The RAC, appreciate what you do!***

***I look forward to working with each of you next spring and believe we will continue putting forth our best effort as we have in the past. Once again thank you for allowing me serve as your Chairperson. It has been an incredible honor and pleasure.***

***Sincerely,  
Lani Hickey/Fremont-Winema RAC Chairperson***

# Proposals Approved for 2010



## Lake County

- Lake County Weed Control, Forest Wide (FW) ~\$80,000
- Bullyard Canyon, Town of Lakeview~ \$20,000
- Bark Beetle, Oregon Department of Forestry~ \$100,000
- Coyote Creek, Silver Lake Ranger District ~ \$21,500
- Collins Weed Project, Lake County Coop Weed Board~ \$12,342
- Vista PreCommercial Thin, Bly Ranger District ~ \$36,500
- Cottonwood Meadow, Lakeview Ranger District ~ \$96,500
- Crooked Cr, Bly Ranger District ~ \$38,500
- Bauers Creek/ Maxwell Ranch, Lake County Watershed Council~ \$72,265
- Jakabe North and South, Paisley Ranger District ~ \$145,000

## Klamath County

- North Fork Sprague Fish Passage, Lakeview Ranger District ~ \$ 150,000
- Jack Creek Culverts, Chemult Ranger District ~ \$85,501
- Invasive Plant Control, Klamath Forest Wide~ \$65,000
- Bark Beetle Klamath, Oregon Department of Forestry~\$310,500
- Slabhouse, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$37,000
- 9 Mile North Non Wildlife Urban Interface, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$252,275
- Lonepine 2, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$259,750
- Aspen Creek Road 4648, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$21,500
- Hog Creek Road 4526, Chiloquin Ranger District ~ \$2,100
- Collier Park, Oregon Parks and Recreation~ \$122,500
- Klamath Weed Board~ \$20,300
- MeadowEdge Thin, Chemult Ranger District ~ \$251,500
- Black Drake Ranch, US Fish and Wildlife Service~ \$19,140
- Encroachment Removal, Chemult Ranger District ~ \$228,500
- Tull Bema, Bly Ranger District ~ \$30,000
- Forest Cleanup~ \$40,000



Spraying weeds



Weed Eradication in Summer Lake and Silver Lake, Oregon funded with Title II dollars

For more information please contact Amy Gowan, Designated Federal Official, at 541-883-6741 or Lucinda (Cindi) Nolan, RAC Coordinator, 541-947-6277.

# Reflections from the RAC Members

Throughout my years of service on the Fremont-Winema RAC, I have greatly appreciated that the RAC members have focused on improving forest, resources, the economy of the local area, and on areas of agreement rather than on differences among the groups. The phenomenal success of Fremont-Winema RAC can be attributed to this focus, and to the dedication, wonderful support, and hard work of the Fremont-Winema Forests' staff. It is a pleasure to serve on the RAC and to establish new friendships, and I pray for reauthorization of this invaluable resource management tool.



(photo by Clay Scott)

**Don Gentry**  
Natural Resource Specialist  
The Klamath Tribes  
Fremont-Winema RAC Member since 2001

*Do you have a restoration project? Can Title II funds help you accomplish this project?*

The next round of funding will be in the Spring of 2010. If you plan to submit a proposal contact:

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The Fremont-Winema Resource Advisory Committee (FWRAC) is embarking on its third authorization. The first year of authorization was in 2000 and some of us have been on the committee since its inception. Serving on the FWRAC has been an honor and pleasure working with so many dedicated resource minded individuals both in the private sector (as myself) and the public sector.

The funds allocated to the RAC Title II programs throughout the country have been expensed in many different ways. The FWRAC has been very disciplined and consistent in what and how the monies allocated to it have been disbursed.

The individuals that make up the committee have always believed that funds should go to on the ground resource improvements to benefit local watersheds and not for administration or projects that the land will not benefit from. Over the years, it has been encouraging and satisfying to see more projects come before the committee that will improve streams and watersheds on private land. The ability to combine dollars on both private and public lands has allowed the RAC to take a more holistic or watershed approach to areas that can benefit from on the ground projects.

I continue to be encouraged by the enthusiasm of the local community to work with and support the FWRAC and its mandate. Many individuals have given countless hours of unpaid time to help improve the natural resources we live within. We all look forward to several more years of dedicating allocated dollars to great projects.

**Pete Talbott**  
Local Rancher  
Chair Fremont-Winema  
RAC 2006-2007  
Member since 2001

