DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Davy Crockett – Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for Members.

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SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking on-going nominations for the Davy Crockett – Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee pursuant the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Additional information can be found on the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Secure Rural Schools Program website, which can be found by visiting the website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/secure-rural-schools.

Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee’s name, resume, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the email below.

EMAIL: lisa.rowe@usda.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Rowe, RAC Committee Coordinator at lisa.rowe@usda.gov or by mailing your form to the following address:

USDA Forest Service
Davy Crockett National Forest
18551 State Highway 7 East
Kennard, TX 75847

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND:
The purposes of the RACs are to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use
and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest
Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. In October 2021, the
Secretary approved and filed a new charter for these RACs to continue their responsibilities as
authorized in the Act.

Membership Balance

The Davy Crockett – Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee will be comprised of 15
members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture where each will serve a 4-year term.
Memberships shall include representation from the following interest areas:

1)  5 persons who represent:
    (a) organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;
    (b) developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicles users, or commercial
        recreation activities;
    (c) energy and mineral development, or commercial or recreational fishing interests;
    (d) commercial timber industry; or
    (e) federal grazing permits or other land use permit holders or represent non-
        industrial private forest landowners within the area for which the committee is
        organized

2)  Five persons who represent:
    (a) nationally recognized environmental organizations;
    (b) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
    (c) dispersed recreational activities;
    (d) archaeological and historical interests; or
    (e) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife
        or hunting organizations, or watershed associations

3)  Five persons who represent:
    (a) state elected office (or a designee);
    (b) county or local elected office;
(c) American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized;
(d) area school officials or teachers; or
(e) affected public-at-large.

Nomination and Application Information

The appointment of members to the Davy Crockett Sam Houston Resource Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture, or their designee. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the interest areas listed above. To be considered for membership, nominees must:

1. Complete the AD-755 Member Application

2. Submit the completed application to lisa.rowe@usda.gov

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA’s policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and person with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.