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North Central Idaho RAC to Accept Project Proposals for 2016

Kamiah, Idaho (December 14, 2015) - The North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be accepting project proposals for review and possible funding for Fiscal Year 2016.

The funds are available through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, which was reauthorized by Congress for two years in 2015.

RAC-funded projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Clearwater, Idaho and Latah counties or on nearby lands if the project will benefit resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations. The RAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintains roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds.

If you are interested in submitting a project, please complete the Project Proposal form located at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/nezperceclearwater/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or contact the Designated Federal Official (DFO) Laura Smith at Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, ID 83530. Smith can also be reached via email at lasmith02@fs.fed.us or phone at 208-983-5143. **Project proposals are due to Smith by January 29, 2016.**

Potential project sponsors should contact local Forest Service offices to obtain information that may be needed for a proposal and to ensure proper agreements and paperwork are completed that will enable the project sponsor to obtain funding if approved by the RAC.

The North Central Idaho RAC meetings will be scheduled at a later date, tentatively in March, 2016. The first meeting will be held for proponents to give presentations on their project proposals. If needed, presentations will continue at the second meeting and the RAC will recommend selected projects for funding approval. Meetings are always open to the public.

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