

2016 Request for Proposals

SHASTA COUNTY RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service is requesting proposals for Title II funding provided by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. In 2015, the 2008-2011 authorization of the Act was reauthorized for a 2-year extension, ensuring stable transition payments for two additional years. Proposals are currently being accepted for the second year of the two-year extension.

Preference will be given to projects that:

- ✓ Encourage timber harvest and sustainable forestland management
- ✓ Benefit fish and/or wildlife
- ✓ Provide or enhance recreation opportunities
- ✓ Collaborate with or enhance other projects
- ✓ Leverage additional funds or in-kind services
- ✓ Create an innovative or alternative industry or product
- ✓ Provide on-the-ground results
- ✓ Support rural communities in Shasta County, now and into the future

Eligibility for project funds is limited to state and local governments, private and non-profit entities, federal agencies and landowners for protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and other resource objectives consistent with the purposes of the Act. Projects may occur on or off National Forest lands, but work off of National Forest lands must clearly demonstrate a benefit to National Forest lands **within Shasta County**. Projects should be NEPA and/or CEQA compliant and must include a clear location map. All proposals must be presented to the local Forest Service District Ranger prior to submission and submitted with a completed and signed District Ranger Project Support Checklist. Approved projects will require a combination of monitoring reports, presentations or site visits.

Proposals must be submitted electronically in Word format on the 2015 RAC Proposal template, available at www.fs.usda.gov/main/stnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees, by April 22, 2016. PDF versions of proposals may be submitted but must be accompanied by an editable word version of the same proposal. Proposals will be evaluated by the RAC with final recommendations by May 15. Project representatives should be available to answer questions and/or make a presentation to the RAC on May 4 between 9:00 and 3:00. Proponents or their representatives are not required to present their proposal in person on May 4, but this may improve the chance of the proposal being recommended for FS funding. RAC meetings are open to the public.

Please visit the Shasta Trinity National Forest website to download an application form and District Ranger Checklist. To receive application packs by email please contact Susan Erwin, RAC Coordinator, at (530) 226-2304. Send completed applications to: serwin@fs.fed.us.



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