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North Central Idaho RAC meetings scheduled for end of March

Kamiah, Idaho (March 14, 2016) – The North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled to meet on March 30 and 31, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). The meetings will be held at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Office, 104 Airport Road, Grangeville, Idaho, in the Confluence Conference Rooms. The meeting is open to the public.

The RAC is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the RAC is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

There were 26 project proposals submitted on the due date of January 29, 2016. The North Central Idaho RAC has an estimated total of \$700,000 of Title II funds to allocate towards projects.

A full two-day agenda for the March meeting includes a FACA presentation for new RAC members, discussion of soliciting for new RAC members to replace the existing members whose terms end September 30, 2016, presentations from the project proponents, followed by voting to recommend projects for funding.

RAC-funded projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Idaho, Clearwater 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 controls noxious weeds.

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