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Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee Seeks Project Proposals

Yreka, CA - The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is again inviting grant proposals for projects with a benefit to National Forest land in Siskiyou County. Natalie Stovall, Partnership Coordinator the Klamath National Forest, reports that Congress has again allocated funding for projects under the Secure Rural Schools Act and Community Self-Determination Act.

Stovall said, “The Siskiyou RAC will meet on Monday, April 18, to consider new grant proposals and recommend which ones receive funding. To qualify, projects must enhance forest ecosystems, improve existing infrastructure, or improve land or water quality. Projects need not occur on National Forest land, but should be in Siskiyou County and must show a benefit to National Forest land. Projects on non-federal land must also have the support of the landowner.”

The Siskiyou RAC has fifteen seats, including 12 voting members and three alternates. RAC members represent a cross section of communities, industries, schools, natural resource groups, and local government.

Over the last ten years the Siskiyou RAC has awarded over 3.8 million dollars for projects in Siskiyou County. Projects have included trail reconstruction and maintenance, fish passage and waterway restoration, community wildfire fuels reduction efforts, conservation education programs, and noxious weed reduction efforts.

Project proposals may be submitted by individuals, organizations, tribes, local or state government, and federal agencies. Stovall explained the grant application process. “Anyone interested in submitting a RAC proposal is encouraged to visit our website at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/klamath/RAC>. Download the project proposal form and fill in the information, describing what you propose to do, the benefit of the work, and the funding you are seeking. Contact me with questions or assistance preparing your proposal. When ready, applications must be submitted online, following the link on our web page.” Natalie Stovall may be reached at 530-841-4411 or nstovall@fs.fed.us.

The Siskiyou RAC meets at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor’s Office at 1711 South Main Street in Yreka. The next meeting is April 18 at 5:00 PM, and will last from two to three hours. Project proponents are encouraged to attend and give a brief presentation, three minutes or less, on their project proposal.

To be considered at the April meeting, Stovall said proposals should be submitted online by April 1.

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Photo: A member of the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Top of the State Unit, removes a fallen log across the Pacific Crest Trail, as part a project recommended by the Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee.