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# News Release

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## **Members Sought for Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee**

**Yreka, CA** - The USDA Forest Service is seeking members to serve on the Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC is a local advisory group that reviews and recommends funding for projects within and near the Klamath National Forest. The fifteen-member group represents a cross section of communities, industries, schools, natural resource groups, and local government. RAC members solicit, review and recommend projects that benefit forest ecosystems, existing infrastructure, water quality, or fish and wildlife habitat. There are now several vacancies among the 15 member positions and three replacement positions.

Over the last ten years the Siskiyou RAC has awarded over 3.8 million dollars for projects in Siskiyou County. Projects have included trail work, road improvements, fuel reduction, constructing fuel breaks, water tanks and hydrants for firefighting, youth conservation work, fish habitat restoration, conservation education programs, and noxious weed control.

To be eligible for consideration, prospective committee members must reside within the State of California and preferably within Siskiyou County. Each seat on the RAC is assigned to a different community interest. Seats include organized labor, recreation, off-highway vehicle

users, energy and minerals, timber industry, non-timber forest products, grazing, national environmental organization, local environmental organization, history, wild horse and burro interest group, state elected office or a designee, County or local elected official, American Indian Tribe, school officials or teachers, and representing the public at large.

Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham praised the work of Siskiyou RAC: “The Forest Service is very grateful for the excellent work by the Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee, and all the partners that have submitted and received project funding. RAC projects have reduced hazardous fuels, improved water quality, benefitted our fish and wildlife, controlled noxious weeds, and enhanced recreation for residents and visitors. The RAC has done a great job supporting on-the-ground work in Siskiyou County.”

The RAC meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor’s Office. Meetings start at 5:00 PM and usually last from 2 to 3 hours. The RAC also has subcommittees that occasionally require additional commitments by members. Application forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Natalie Stovall at the Klamath National Forest (530-841-4411 or [nstovall@fs.fed.us](mailto:nstovall@fs.fed.us)) or picked up at any Forest Service office in Siskiyou County. Application forms and more information are also available on Siskiyou County RAC website at <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/klamath/RAC>.

The next meeting of the Siskiyou RAC will be Monday, April 18, 2016, at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 1711 South Main Street, Yreka. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and provide comment.

Resource Advisory Committees were created by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The current authorization will end September 30, 2016.

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Photo: Workers remove old asphalt from Jones Beach along the Scott River, as part of a RAC project by the Siskiyou County Office of Education WorkAbility Program.