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# News Release

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## **Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee Update: Call for Year-Two Proposals Extended and RAC meeting set for June**

**John Day, Pendleton, and Baker City, Ore:** The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has confirmed seven new members of the Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee (NEOFRAC) representing diverse public interests in northeastern Oregon. The NEOFRAC now has full membership and will convene in June 2016 to recommend project proposals to improve or restore National Forests in the Blue Mountains. The NEOFRAC meeting will be held at the John Day Airport in June. More details will be released when a final date and meeting agenda is determined.

Year-two Title II proposals were originally due on April 1, 2016. However, to assure that a full complement of proposals are received the timeline for submitting proposals has been extended to **April 22, 2016**.

Nonprofit organizations, local governments, and others are encouraged to propose projects that restore watersheds, decommission or maintain roads, control noxious weeds, enhance recreational experiences, or otherwise improve the condition of the Forest. Proposed projects do not need to be implemented on Forest Service lands, but must show a benefit to national forest resources.



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Year-one proposals were previously submitted to the three northeast Oregon National Forests and have been reviewed by National Forest staff and the appropriate County Commissioners or Courts.

Year-one and year-two project proposals will be reviewed together by the NEOFAC when they meet in June. Following their review the committee will provide the three Forest Supervisors a list of Title II projects recommended for funding. Year-one projects will be funded through allocations received in fiscal year 2015. Year-two project proposals will be funded through allocations received in fiscal year 2016.

Project proposals for year-two funding are due electronically by April 22, 2016. Application forms, instructions, and submission guidelines can be found online at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/wallowa-whitman/workingtogether/advisorycommittees](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/wallowa-whitman/workingtogether/advisorycommittees). New Title II projects must be initiated by September 30, 2017 and all Title II funds must be obligated by September 30, 2018.

Please submit your applications to one of the National Forests nearest you or contact these individuals with questions:

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