

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests  
Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Application Information

**For citizens who are interested in applying for consideration of appointment to the GMUG RAC, there are some considerations for you to be aware of:**

- Applicants cannot be federal employees (including US Postal Service)
- You must be a citizen and resident of the State of Colorado
- If appointed, you will serve without compensation; however, you can choose to be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from Committee Meetings.
- The appointments are made by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- If appointed, you will serve a 4-year term with a maximum renewal for 2 additional years.
- This Committee's responsibilities are to: 1) be a contact for persons affiliated with the appointment associations you represent; 2) work collaboratively and with integrity with the other committee members; 3) review and recommend projects for funding under the Secure Rural Schools Act-Title II funds distributed to **Garfield, Gunnison, Mesa and Montrose Counties** in Western Colorado; 4) monitor progress of the implementation of the funded projects. These are the only counties who are participating with Title II funds under the SRS Act on the GMUG National Forests.
- This is a federal advisory committee and subject to the rule and requirements under Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).
- This is a new RAC Committee as the previous committee has served its time limits. We will be trying to fill 15 members and 3 alternates from the applications we receive.

**When completing the applications:**

- Please be as thorough as you can and write legibly or type your responses.
- Please check as many fields of interest/representation as possible that are responsive to your experience, participation and/or membership. This helps us to format an array of nominations for consideration.
- Each application needs to have an original signature so a "hard copy" of the applications needs to be sent to: attn: Lee Ann Loupe, GMUG NFs; 2250 Highway 50; Delta, CO 81416.
- Please complete or add a page to the "category" document detailing what your qualifications/associations/interest is in being a RAC member. This really helps me complete background information and provide representation for the appointments and helps speed the process of making the appointments.
- The application, review and appointment process can take some time 3-4 months or longer, depending on the workload and timing at the Washington Office and Department.

I'm sure there are other questions. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have. Here are some weblinks to additional information about the GMUG RAC (past) and the Secure Rural Schools and Title II monies. Lee Ann Loupe, 970.874.6717 or 907.596.0246; Email: [lloupe@fs.fed.us](mailto:lloupe@fs.fed.us).

FS Secure Rural Schools website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/pts> and  
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/specialprojects/racweb>

GMUG RAC (list of current members and past projects): [http://cloudapps-usda.gov.force.com/FSSRS/RAC\\_Page?id=001t0000002JcuhAAC](http://cloudapps-usda.gov.force.com/FSSRS/RAC_Page?id=001t0000002JcuhAAC)