



# Applicants Sought for National Forest Resource Advisory Committee

2016



**Some of the SRS Title II projects accomplished include:**

- \* New trail & information signs
- \* Safety pullouts on Tellico River Road
- \* Rocky Top road maintenance
- \* Meadow Creek observation tower—Phase I
- \* New trail steps at Bald River Falls
- \* River cane restoration  
~ and more ~

## *Cherokee National Forest*

The USDA Forest Service is seeking people with energy and commitment to the long-term benefit of the Cherokee National Forest, who also are interested in working with a diverse array of interests represented on a Resource Advisory Committee. Applicants for the Cherokee Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) are currently being sought.

This committee is chartered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is comprised of 15 members representing a wide array of interests.

Under Title II of the SRS certain counties may designate a portion of the funds they receive to projects reviewed by a RAC and implemented on federal land. Cocke County and Monroe County are contributing funds to projects in the Cherokee National Forest.

A Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Service on the development and implementation of special projects on federal lands as authorized under the SRS Act. Examples of the types of projects that can be implemented under Title II include improving the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implementing stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality.

For information about the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools Act visit on line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/pts/>

If you are interested in applying for a member position on the Cherokee SRS Resource Advisory committee contact: [twmcdonald@fs.fed.us](mailto:twmcdonald@fs.fed.us) or call 423-476-9729.

See next page for more information



**Secure Rural Schools**  
U.S. Forest Service





## USDA Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest

### Resource Advisory Committees:

Committee members serve four-year terms. Membership is voluntary with **no** compensation allotted.

Members of the Cherokee SRS Resource Advisory Committee must be a Tennessee resident.

The Cherokee Resource Advisory committee typically meets 1-2 times annually.

Cherokee RAC Meetings generally last approximately 3-4 hours and are held in a central location such as Knoxville. All meetings are open to the public.

All RAC 's shall have 15 members with balanced and broad representation of interests in 3 categories, specified in Section 205 (d)(2) of the Act:

(A) 5 persons that—

(i) represent organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; (ii) represent developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; (iii) represent energy and mineral development interests; or commercial or recreational fishing interests; (iv) represent the commercial timber industry; or (v) hold Federal grazing or other land use permits, or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners, within the area for which the committee is organized.

(B) 5 persons that represent—

(i) nationally recognized environmental organizations; (ii) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; (iii) dispersed recreational activities; (iv) archaeological and historical interests; or (v) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

(C) 5 persons that—

(i) hold State elected office (or a designee); (ii) hold county or local elected office; (iii) represent American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized; (iv) are school officials or teachers; or (v) represent the affected public at large.

### How to apply for Cherokee Resource Advisory Committee membership:

Fill out an AD—755 background information form.

Forms available online at: <http://fs.usda.gov/cherokee> (scroll down to **SPOTLIGHTS** section and look for Cherokee Resource Advisory Committee) - Form must be mailed with original signature—see address below.

Or email request a form at: [twmcdonald@fs.fed.us](mailto:twmcdonald@fs.fed.us) or call 423-476-9729

**Mail signed** Form AD—755 (original signature must be submitted) to: US Forest Service, 2800 Ocoee Street N., Cleveland, TN 37312 ATTN: PAO-RAC . Please be as specific as possible with providing qualification information.

**Applications** will be accepted through August 5, 2016

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