



United States Department of Agriculture

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The Secure Rural Schools Act was reauthorized and signed into law by the President on April 16, 2015.

### Title II Projects – Special Projects on Federal Lands

Title II funds may be used for the purpose of making investments and creating employment opportunities through, projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, enhancing forest ecosystems, and restoring and improving land health and water quality.

Project objectives include:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- Soil productivity improvement;
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- Watershed restoration and maintenance;
- Restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- Reestablishment of native species.

At least 50 percent of all Title II funds must be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to:

1. Road maintenance, decommissioning, or obliteration;

2. Restoration of streams and watersheds.

The deadline to initiate a project using Title II funds is September 30, 2017. The deadline to obligate Title II funds is September 30, 2018.

### Resource Advisory Committees

The Secure Rural Schools Act authorizes the use of Resource Advisory Committees as a mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land managers in recommending projects on federal lands or projects that will benefit federal lands. RACs are formed to ensure efficient and effective advice to Forest Supervisors and District Rangers responsible for approving and implementing the projects.

RACs responsibilities include reviewing and recommending projects, and monitoring project progress.

RAC members shall serve a four-year term.

A Chairperson shall be elected by the RAC from its members for a term of one year.

Members of the Committee serve without compensation.

For additional information:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/uwcnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>



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