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## **Eastern Arizona Resource Advisory Council approves \$826,000 in Project Proposals**

**Springerville, AZ—July 15, 2016:** The Eastern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met on July 12 and July 13, 2016 at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Supervisor’s Office.

RAC-funded projects must be located in Apache, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, or Navajo counties on National Forest System Lands or on nearby lands if the project will benefit resources on the National Forests.

The RAC helps “to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the land management agencies consistent with the purposes of the Act.” Secure Rural Schools payment calculation uses multiple factors including acres of Federal land within an eligible county and an income adjustment based on the per capita personal income for each county.

The committee heard presentations by many of the proponents and was able to make decisions that will fund \$826,966.96 in projects for these five counties.

<i><b>County</b></i>	<i><b>Amount Funded</b></i>
Apache County	\$158,187.39
Gila County	\$360,727.24
Graham County	\$90,524.63
Greenlee County	\$100,000.00
Navajo County	\$117,527.70

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests wishes to thank the many members of our communities who volunteered their time and expertise to making this year's RAC a positive and successful event. If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee, please contact Marta Call, RAC Coordinator, at 928-333-6280.

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