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**To:** RAC Project Administrators, Partners, and Stakeholders

**From:** Elizabeth Berger  
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In my role as Acting Forest Supervisor of the Eldorado National Forest, I also serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). As you know, the El Dorado County RAC has been inactive while the application package we submitted is pending new RAC appointments by USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue. Since the El Dorado County RAC last met in March 2016, there have been two rounds of Secure Rural Schools Title II (SRSII) funding. In lieu of having an active RAC to initiate a new call for proposals, we have received guidance that these funds may be allocated to projects that were recommended by the El Dorado County RAC prior to the expiration of the previous committee appointments.

The El Dorado County SRSII funding that is currently available is \$128,855.26 from 2017 which was adjusted to \$124,782.00, and \$122,611.81 from 2018. These payments were received in 2018 and 2019 respectively, and have been allocated to projects that were recommended by the El Dorado County RAC when the committee last met in March 2016.

The following project allocations have been slightly modified based on updated accounting for the 2017 funds. The first two projects are an exception. They did not receive any RAC funding during the last allocation in 2016, so they are being fully funded in this round:

- Middle Fork Cosumnes River Campground Improvement (ENF) - \$46,730
- Cleveland-Ice House Forest Health / Icehouse Rd Fuel Reduction (ENF) - \$25,000
- Caples Creek Equestrian Trailhead (ENF) - \$14,750
- Forest Trash Cleanup Efforts (ENF) - \$4,400
- Meeks Creek Trail Maintenance (LTBMU) - \$9,800
- Twin Peaks OHV System Maintenance (LTBMU) - \$24,500
- Volunteer Chainsaw Certification (ENF) - \$7,000
- Georgetown Ranger District Non-Motorized Trail Maintenance (ENF) - \$29,450
- King Fire Invasive Plant Control (ENF) - \$17,500



- Bayview Trail Maintenance/Rehab (LTBMU) - \$29,450
- Fontanillis Lake Backcountry Trail Maintenance (LTBMU) - \$14,500
- Tahoe Forest Stewardship Day Volunteer Restoration Event Series (LTBMU) - \$14,500
- Van Vleck Meadow Restoration #1 (ENF) - \$9,800

Each project has a point of contact (POC) on either the Eldorado National Forest (ENF) or the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU). These POCs will be responsible for administering these projects and are identified on the spreadsheet attached.

Additional RAC project funding will be forthcoming in the near future. On December 20, 2019, Congress passed Public Law 116-94 which reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools program for two more years. As a result, there will be SRSII funding for FY19 (payment year FY20) and for FY20 (payment year FY21).

We are optimistic that new El Dorado County RAC members will be appointed sometime this year which will allow the RAC to convene and initiate a new call for proposals.

The new RAC project deadlines for both the 2017 and 2018 funding allocations in this notice and for future allocations of the 2019 and 2020 SRSII funds are as follows:

- SRS Title II projects must be initiated by September 30, 2022
- SRS Title II funding must be obligated by September 30, 2023

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure