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Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee to Accept Proposals for 2014

The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (CIRAC) will be accepting proposals for review and consideration for funding for Fiscal Year 2014. The proposal deadline is March 28, 2014.

“CIRAC participation enables local county residents to have a meaningful role in deciding how federal funds are spent on public lands,” states Chuck Mark, Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the CIRAC. The funds are available through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, which was reauthorized by Congress for one year.

RAC-funded projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Butte, Custer or Lemhi counties, or on nearby lands if the project will benefit resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements, or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations. The CIRAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintains roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds.

The Central Idaho RAC covers the Salmon-Challis National Forest and portions of the Sawtooth and the Caribou-Targhee National Forests.

Applications for RAC proposals can be obtained at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>, or from the CIRAC Coordinator, Amy Baumer at the Public Lands Center, 1206 S. Challis Street, Salmon, ID 83467. Amy can also be reached via e-mail at abaumer@fs.fed.us or phone at 208-756-5145.

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Potential project sponsors should contact local Forest Service offices to obtain information that may be needed for a proposal, including a Forest Service contact, and to ensure proper agreements and paperwork are completed that will enable the project sponsor to obtain funding if approved by the CIRAC. Selected project sponsors may be asked to make a short presentation to the Central Idaho RAC during a meeting tentatively during the month of April 2014. Times and locations will be assigned by the DFO.

The Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee is in the process of appointing new members. The project proposals will not be acted upon by the CIRAC until that process is complete.

Completed applications must be received in hardcopy form on or before the March 28, 2014 deadline. Mail completed proposals to Amy Baumer at the Public Lands Center, 1206 S. Challis Street, Salmon, ID 83467.

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