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U.S. Forest Service Seeks Natural Resource Advisory Committee Members

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) April 11, 2014 – The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests are seeking members to serve on a citizens' Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC reviews and recommends projects which benefit natural resources on the National Forests in five counties.

The committee was established in 2009 to serve Jackson and Routt counties in Colorado, as well as Albany and Carbon counties in Wyoming. In 2011, the RAC volunteered to assist Rio Blanco County (White River National Forest) to solicit and select projects so that a separate RAC did not need to be formed.

The Medicine Bow-Routt RAC has slots for 15 members representative of a variety of interests and expertise. There are currently several open positions for both voting members and alternate members. Nominees will be recommended by the U.S. Forest Service and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Applicants must live in Colorado or Wyoming. Members will serve a four-year term without compensation except possible travel expenses. For an application, please email atvoos@fs.fed.us, or call RAC Coordinator Aaron Voos at (307) 745-2323. Applications will be accepted immediately.

Funding for the projects comes from the Secure Rural Schools Act, reauthorized by Congress in October 2013. The law gives states and counties payments based on the amount of national forest land in the county. Counties designate a portion of the funds to projects reviewed by the committee.

Since inception, this RAC has approved over \$1,009,000 worth of funding towards various projects in the five counties.

The RAC works closely with the U.S. Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit Forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintain roads, trails, and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds.

Additional information about the Secure Rural Schools Act Title II funds and Resource Advisory Committees may be found on these websites, fs.fed.us/srs or fs.usda.gov/goto/mbrtb/RAC.

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