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# News Release

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## Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

### Schedules Meeting

**Baker City, OR.** Members of the Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in La Grande, Oregon to discuss selection of Title II projects under Public Law 110-343, H.R. 1424, the Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and community Self-Determination Act of 2000, also called “Payments to States” Act.

According to Jeff Tomac, Whitman District Ranger on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and designated federal official for the Northeast Oregon Forests RAC, this will be the fifth meeting of the Committee since reauthorization of Public Law 106-393. The meeting will be held on May 9, 2014 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Blue Mountain Conference Center on 404 Twelfth Street in La Grande, Oregon.

The open public meeting will focus on reviewing and recommending 2014 project proposals that meet the intent of the Payments to States Act. Objectives of the proposed projects are to protect, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat; improve the maintenance of existing Forest Service infrastructure; protect and enhance ecosystems on the national forests; and restore and improve land health and water quality. A public input opportunity will be provided for individuals who wish to address the committee during the meeting at 1:30 pm.



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For additional information, call Jeff Tomac at the Forest Service office in Baker City at 541-523-1301 or Arlene Blumton at 541-962-8522 at the La Grande Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

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