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USFS Accepting Natural Resource Project Proposals for Title II Funds

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) December 12, 2014 –Proposals seeking funds for local natural resource projects through the Medicine Bow-Routt Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) are due January 23, 2015.

Funding is provided for counties through Title II funds of the Secure Rural Schools Act, which is currently being considered for reauthorization by Congress.

If reauthorized, funding will be available for projects that enhance forest ecosystems or restore and improve land health and water quality. This includes lands on the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and other near-by lands in Albany and Carbon counties in Wyoming, as well as Jackson, Rio Blanco and Routt counties in Colorado.

Approximate 2014-15 Title II funds available for new projects are:

Albany Co., Wyo.	\$24,695
Carbon Co., Wyo.	\$49,524
Jackson Co., Colo.	\$15,954
Rio Blanco Co., Colo.	\$43,387
Routt Co., Colo.	\$38,601

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.

The Forest Service is accepting applications on behalf of the RAC. Please call 307-745-2323, or email RAC Coordinator Aaron Voos at atvoos@fs.fed.us with questions or to have project proposal forms sent to you. An application form is also being included as an attachment to this press release.

Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations. Project proposals not approved previously may be resubmitted.

The RAC will be reviewing projects for possible funding during a meeting in early 2015. The public is welcome to attend the RAC meetings.

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.

Since inception, this RAC has approved nearly \$1,062,000 worth of funding towards various projects in the five counties.

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

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