

Request for RAC Proposals

The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee (TCRAC) invites proposals for the use of funds provided by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Approximately \$585,169 will be available in federal fiscal year 2010 for RAC-approved projects that benefit National Forest lands in Trinity County. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Watershed Restoration**
- Road and Trail Maintenance**
- Fuels reduction**
- Wildlife and Fish Habitat Improvement**
- Improvement in forest ecosystem health**
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds**
- Soil productivity improvement**
- Re-establishment of native species**

The Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee will give preference to projects that:

- 1) Provide employment to Trinity County residents,**
- 2) Utilize matching funds, or complement a larger project funded by other sources,**
- 3) Promote economic diversity,**
- 4) Improve land health and/or water quality,**
- 5) Maximize percentage of project costs going to project implementation, and/or**
- 6) Heighten public awareness of and promote stewardship of local resources.**

From the funds available for use in fiscal year 2010, the RAC has tentatively decided to allocate approximately \$497,415 to fuels reductions and, road maintenance/sediment-reduction projects, and \$87,754 to projects in other eligible categories. The final allocation amount will be dependent upon the Board of Supervisors. Proposals are welcome from any source. Individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, tribes, and government agencies are eligible for funding consideration through grants or cooperative agreements with the Forest Service; projects can also be funded through traditional Forest Service contracting procedures.

Preliminary Watershed /Roads, or Fuels proposals must be submitted by May 2, 2010, preferably by e-mail attachment in Word Doc. Preliminary proposals may be a single page description of the work to be performed, including location, schedule, and budget. Proposals will be evaluated by RAC subcommittees, and considered for approval by the full RAC later this spring/summer. RAC meetings are open to the public.

Proposals for fuels reduction projects should be submitted to Jim French, RAC Chairman: jimf@tcoek12.org by May 2, 2010. There will be a Fuels Sub-committee meeting on May 3, 2010 @ 9:30am at the county schools office conference room. Project proponents are welcome.

Proposals for Watershed/roads /sediment reduction projects should be submitted to Jim French , RAC Chairman jimf@tcoek12.org by May 2, 2010. There will be a Roads Sub-committee meeting on May 3, 2010 @ 1:00pm at the county schools office conference room. Project proponents are welcome.

Proposals for all other eligible projects (ex. Trails, or any other non-roads, non-fuels) should be submitted to Jim French, RAC Chairman: <jimf@tcoek12.org>, or faxed @ (530) 623-4489 by May 22, 2010

Sub Committee meetings for all other proposals TBA sometime in late May, early June.

Information about the Trinity County RAC program can be obtained from Jim French, RAC Chairman, c/o Trinity County Office of Education, P.O. Box 1256, Weaverville, CA 96093, (530) 623-2861 ex.222, or <jimf@tcoek12.org>.