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Forest Service seeks Natural Resource Advisory Committee members

(Laramie, Wyo.) April 24, 2009 -- Albany and Carbon counties in Wyoming and Jackson and Routt counties in Colorado, and the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests are seeking members to serve on a citizens' Resource Advisory Committee to review and recommend projects that will benefit natural resources on the National Forests in the four counties.

Funding for the projects comes from the Secure Rural Schools Act, reauthorized by Congress in October 2008. The law gives states and counties payments for the next four years, based on the amount of national forest land in the county. Counties designate a portion of the funds to projects reviewed by the committee.

The Resource Advisory Committee will have 15 members representative of a variety of interests and expertise. Nominees will be 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 dritschard@fs.fed.us, or call Diann Ritschard at 970-870-2187. Applications are due May 29.

Additional information about the Secure Rural Schools Act Title II funds and Resource Advisory Committees is at <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs>.

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