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Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee to Accept Project Proposals

Rapid City, SD – The Pennington County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is seeking applications for projects that would enhance forest ecosystems or restore and improve land health and water quality on the Black Hills National Forest and other lands near-by in Pennington County.

The RAC committee has approximately \$300,000 to spend on projects, made available to through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

The RAC works closely with the Forest Service to recommend projects that would benefit Forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintain roads, trails, and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds. RAC projects must be located on National Forest System Lands in Pennington County or on other nearby lands if the project will benefit the resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements, or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations. Projects must be in compliance with the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and other applicable laws.

Proposals must be submitted to the Forest Service by Wednesday, July 20. The RAC will be reviewing project proposals for possible funding during their Tuesday, July 26, 2011, meeting at the Mystic Ranger District Office at 8221 S. Hwy 16 in Rapid City. The RAC meeting starts at 5:00pm and is open to the public. For more information on the RAC or to learn more about proposing projects please contact the RAC Designated Federal Officer, Bob Thompson, or Lisa Sanders at 605-343-1567.

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