

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Resource Advisory Committee

Agenda

December 9, 2010

Salt Lake County Government Center

2100 South State Street

Room S1002

Salt Lake City, Utah

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| 3:00 p.m. | Call to Order | Chair |
| 3:05 p.m. | Roll Call by Group | Chair |
| 3:10 p.m. | Review Travel | RAC |
| 3:30 p.m. | Monitoring Plans | RAC |
| | ▪ Requirements for Project Proposals | |
| | ▪ Fiscal Accountability | |
| | ▪ Project Accomplishment Accountability | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Break | |
| 4:10 p.m. | Project Review | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Public Forum | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Adjourn | |

Information for Discussion Topics:

Clarification of Title II Funding:

LEGISLATION STATES THAT THE PURPOSE of Title II funding is to make additional investments in, and create additional employment opportunities through, projects that—

- improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure; implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems; and restore and improve land health and water quality;
- enjoy broad-based support; and
- have objectives that may include—
 - road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
 - soil productivity improvement;
 - improvements in forest ecosystem health;
 - watershed restoration and maintenance;
 - the restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
 - the control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
 - the reestablishment of native species;

and to improve cooperative relationships among — the people that use and care for Federal land and the agencies that manage the Federal land,

Project Monitoring:

“(b) REQUIRED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS.—In submitting proposed projects to the Secretary concerned under subsection (a), a resource advisory committee shall include in the description of each proposed project the following information:

“(B) An estimate of the amount of any timber, forage, and other commodities and other economic activity, including jobs generated, if any, anticipated as part of the project.

“(6) A detailed monitoring plan, including funding needs and sources, that—

“(A) tracks and identifies the positive or negative impacts of the project, implementation, and provides for validation monitoring; and

“(B) includes an assessment of the following:

“(i) Whether or not the project met or exceeded desired ecological conditions; created local employment or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps where appropriate.

“(ii) Whether the project improved the use of, or added value to, any products removed from land consistent with the purposes of this title.

“(7) An assessment that the project is to be in the public interest.

Duties—

“(5) (A) monitor projects that have been approved under section 204; and

“(B) advise the designated Federal official on the progress of the monitoring efforts under subparagraph (A); and

“(6) make recommendations to the Secretary concerned for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the resource advisory committee.

“(f) REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT FUNDS.—The Secretary shall ensure that at least 50 percent of all project funds be used for projects that are primarily dedicated—

“(1) to road maintenance, decommissioning, or obliteration; or

“(2) to restoration of streams and watersheds.

Clarification of RAC members' roles:

COMMUNITY INTERESTS REPRESENTED.—Committee members shall be representative of the interests of the following 3 categories:

“(A) 5 persons that—

- “(i) represent organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;
- “(ii) represent developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- “(iii) represent—
- “(I) energy and mineral development interests; or
- “(II) commercial or recreational fishing interests;

- “(iv) represent the commercial timber industry; or
- “(v) hold Federal grazing or other land use permits, or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners, within the area for which the committee is organized.

“(B) 5 persons that represent—

- “(i) nationally recognized environmental organizations;
- “(ii) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
- “(iii) dispersed recreational activities;
- “(iv) archaeological and historical interests; or
- “(v) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

“(C) 5 persons that—

- “(i) hold State elected office (or a designee);
- “(ii) hold county or local elected office;
- “(iii) represent American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized;
- “(iv) are school officials or teachers; or
- “(v) represent the affected public at large.