

Request for RAC Proposals-2012 Extension Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee Shasta-Trinity National Forest

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 \$494,425 will be available in federal fiscal year 2013 for RAC-approved projects that benefit National Forest lands in Trinity County. Examples of eligible projects include:

Watershed Restoration	Improvement in forest ecosystem health
Road and Trail Maintenance	Control of noxious and exotic weeds
Fuels reduction	Soil productivity improvement
Wildlife and Fish Habitat 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.

All proposals for fuels reduction, road/watershed improvements, and other activities that clearly demonstrate a benefit to Shasta-Trinity National Forest lands are requested. Proposals are welcome from any source and individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, tribes, and government agencies are eligible for funding consideration with the Forest Service.

Projects should have completed environmental analysis through NEPA/CEQA. Projects without completed environmental analysis will be given lower priority. All proposals must be presented to the South Fork or Trinity River Management Unit District Ranger prior to submission and submitted with a completed and signed District Ranger Project Support Checklist.

Proposals must be submitted electronically to Susan Erwin by **August 17, 2012** with a separate electronic copy to Jim French, Trinity RAC Chair. Single-page preliminary proposals will not be accepted for the 2012 extension. Please do not submit PDF versions of proposals except for maps and other graphics. Proposals will be evaluated by each RAC subcommittee with final recommendations expected by September 10, 2012. RAC meetings are open to the public.

Please visit the Shasta Trinity National Forest website to download an application form and filing instructions. To receive applications by email please contact Susan Erwin, Forest RAC Coordinator at (530) 226-2360. Send completed applications to: serwin@fs.fed.us.

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 or Susan Erwin, Shasta-Trinity National Forest RAC Coordinator, at 530-623-1753 or serwin@fs.fed.us.



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