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Cibola National Forest and Grasslands

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Funding Available for Special Projects on federal lands

Albuquerque, NM. July 26, 2012. The Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee (NNMRAC) is seeking proposals for projects that enhance forest ecosystems, restore and improve land health and water quality on the Cibola, Santa Fe, and Carson National Forests and other adjacent lands within Taos, Sandoval, Mora, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, Torrance, McKinley and Cibola Counties. The NNMRAC has up to \$400,000 to allocate to projects made available through congressional re-authorization of Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act for fiscal year 2012.

Proposals and Title II monies will be recommended by the NMMRAC to the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Diana Trujillo, based on each affected county's Title II monies allocation percentage. The NNMRAC works closely with Forest Service land managers to recommend projects that benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds, and other resources; maintain roads, trails, and other infrastructure or control noxious weeds.

Prior to submitting a proposal, applicants must contact the affected National Forest District Ranger to get their input and to obtain the list of required elements for a complete proposal package. For the Cibola National Forest and Grasslands, please contact:

- Matt Reidy, District Ranger, Mt. Taylor Ranger District (Cibola, McKinley and Sandoval Counties). Phone: 575.854.2281
- Cid Morgan, District Ranger, Sandia Ranger District (Sandoval County). Phone: 505.281.3304
- Karen Lessard, District Ranger, Mountainair Ranger District (Torrance County). Phone: 505.847.2990

NNMRAC projects must be located on National Forest lands in Taos, Sandoval, Mora, San Miguel, Rio Arriba, Torrance, McKinley and Cibola Counties or on other adjacent lands if the project(s) benefit resources on the National Forest. Projects can be completed by Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements, or by open-bid contracting with individuals and businesses. Individuals, non-profit organizations, and local governments can submit Title II project proposals.

Project submission forms, other application materials and instructions are available at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/carson/home/?cid=STELPRDB5277099>

All project application materials must be hand-delivered or postmarked by **August 31, 2012** to:

Estevan Gallegos, RAC Coordinator
Carson National Forest
208 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571

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