

**Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee  
September 12 &13 9:00 – 3:00  
Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters  
Proposal Presentation and Recommendation Voting**

**September 12**

Present:

FS Administration: Donna Harmon, Susan Erwin, Dianna Moore (notetaker)

RAC Members: Steve Uhles, Sharol Schaefer, Gennie Seely, Les Baugh, Terry Thomas, Stan Leach, Brenda Haynes, Sylvia Milligan, Carol Perea, Ted James, Wendy Johnston, Ken Showalter, Sue Crowe (County Services Rep)

Proponents and Public at-large: Johathan Kusel (Sierra Forest Institute/Burney-HC Project) Joe Croteau (BCHC-TOS Unit), Elizabeth Norton (Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership), Diane Dealy-Neill (Shasta Forestry Challenge), Jeannie Tomascheski (NorCal SAF/FIT), Andrew Braugh (CA Trout), Eva Jimenez (Shasta College), Dale Dondero (Lakehead FSC), John Kessler (Dunsmuir FSC), Mike Refkin (Dunsmuir FSC), Mariah Hagstrom (FS), Robin Bryant (FS), Aasma Ali (FS), Al Olson (FS), and Sherece Hangar (FS).

9:00 Meeting Start

Quorum Check

Category A: 4/5 present

Category B: 3/3 present

Category C: 5/5 present

12 of 13 active members present today and quorum for both operating and voting met.

2012 1 Year Extension Overview

There were very few changes from last year's authorization. Proposal recommendations must be forwarded to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest by 9/30/2012 and funding for those proposals must be obligated or spent by 9/30/2013.

Available Funding

Susan Erwin has been reconciling Title II funds for the entire 2008-2011 authorization. The analysis revealed that inaccurate figures for carryover had been given for all four years of the authorization and the Forest came up short on carryover each of the four years for both Shasta and Trinity RACs. The most probable culprits were repeated turnover in budget staff responsible for RAC monitoring, repeated turnover in RAC Coordinators, and the unusual nature of RAC budgeting methods. Because of the large allocations Trinity County received each year, those

errors got submerged until the reconciliation process took place in 2012 and RAC Coordinator figures were compared to the balance in the Forest SRS2 fund code account. The bottom line is there are no carryover funds available to help fund more of the \$371,616 in requests.

Projected allocations for the 2012 one-year extension are \$182,642. Deducting 7% for administrative costs (\$12,785) leaves \$169,857 available to fund submitted proposals. 11 proposals totaling \$371,616 were submitted.

Susan Erwin reminded the RAC Committee she still needed to get RAC Committee nomination forms from the remaining members who hadn't returned them for her. All member terms except for Ken Showalter and Steve Uhles will be expiring on October 20, 2012. Even though the authorization ends 9/30/2012 and there is no guarantee of re-authorization, renewed membership will allow committee members to meet to monitor projects and will allow them to serve immediately should RAC be authorized.

#### Proposal Presentations

The remainder of the meeting focused on proposal presentations. Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

#### **September 13**

FS Administration: Donna Harmon, Susan Erwin, Lynette Pimental (notetaker)

RAC Members: Steve Uhles, Sharol Schaefer, Gennie Seely, Les Baugh, Terry Thomas, Stan Leach, Brenda Haynes, Sylvia Milligan, Carol Perea, Ted James, Wendy Johnston, Ken Showalter, Sue Crowe (County Services Rep), Glen Hawes.

Proponents and Public at-large: Aasma Ali (FS), Sherece Hangar (FS), Dave DeMar (WSRCD), Jack Bramhall (WSRCD).

9:00 Meeting Start

#### Quorum Check

Category A: 5/5 present

Category B: 3/3 present

Category C: 5/5 present

All active members present today and quorum for both operating and voting met.

Proposal Presentations

The two remaining proposals were presented first thing.

Proposal Discussion and Voting

The committee split into their category groups to develop a list of priorities and funding recommendations for each group. After the entire RAC reconvened and after discussion made the following recommendations.

**Motion 1-** Approve prioritized projects for 2012 RAC funding and selected projects for contingency funding at the recommended funding levels.

Vote: all members voted yes

Results: The motion was approved.

**2012 RECOMMENDED ONE-YEAR EXTENSION  
PROPOSALS - SHASTA RAC**

Projected Allocation: \$169,753 (projects) + \$12,777 (admin) = \$182,530

Project Name	Title II Funds Requested	9/13/2012 Recommendation	Project Summary	Management Unit	Proponent
Opening Trails Mtnce-PCT and Feeder Trails	\$14,000	\$7,000	Trail maintenance on portions of PCT within Shasta County	SMMU	Backcountry Horsemen-Top of State Unit
Great Shasta Rails to Trails Project	\$14,540	\$14,540	Progress toward conversion of 80 miles of railroad bed to recreation trail	SMMU	Lassen Volcanic Byway group
I-5 Soda Ck Fuels Reduction and Trail	\$35,100	\$25,000	Construct shaded fuelbreak on 23 acres between I-5 and UP RR from Soda Creek exit north, reduce hazardous fuels, and begin development of a hiking trail between Castella and Dunsmuir	SMMU	Dunsmuir FSC
Shasta FIT	\$18,000	\$10,000	Partially fund a 6-day workshop to teach forestry concepts to k-12th grade teachers	Lassen NF	NorCal SAF
Shasta Forestry Challenge	\$10,000	\$8,000	Partially fund a forestry skills competition and workshop for high school students in California	Lassen NF	Forestry Educators, Inc.
Shasta College Natural Resource Youth Training	\$87,213	\$87,213	Fund a crew of Shasta College Natural Resources students to implement needed natural resources work. College students get hands-on experience and environmental education.	NRA-SL	Shasta College
Hat Creek Restoration and Revegetation	\$33,120	\$18,000	Restore wild trout habitat conditions and native riparian vegetation on 6.3 acres of the Wild Trout Area in lower Hat Creek	Lassen NF	California Trout
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$169,753</b>			

**CONTINGENCY PROJECTS**

Project Name	Title II Funds Requested	9/13/2012 Recommendation	Project Summary	Management Unit	Proponent	Contingency Priority
Hat Creek Restoration and Revegetation	\$33,120	\$15,000	Restore wild trout habitat conditions and native riparian vegetation on 6.3 acres of the Wild Trout Area in lower Hat Creek	Lassen NF	California Trout	1
Burney-Hat Creek Community Forestry Project 2013	\$30,700	any remaining contingency funds up to \$30,700	Continued work on Burney-Hat Creek stewardship project, with focus on facilitation and SCALE work	Lassen NF	Fall River RCD	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$45,700</b>				

**PROPOSALS NOT RECOMMENDED**

Project Name	Title II Funds Requested	9/13/2012 Recommendation	Project Summary	Management Unit	Proponent
Interlakes Stewardship Area Coordinator	\$37,344	\$0	Fund 1/2 coordinator position to coordinate implementation of the Interlakes Stewardship Agmt five year plan: project coordination, grant writing, public outreach and monitoring.	NRA-SL	WS RCD
Obrien Mtn and LaMoine Strategic Fuels Reduction Plan Update	\$9,650	\$0	Clear fuels on road easements to improve access for fire suppression in the O'Brien community and between LaMoine and Gibson west of I-5.	NRA-SL	Dunsmuir FSC
Shasta Co FSC Public Involvement Campaign	\$81,949	\$0	Countywide public education campaign to increase landowner awareness of County Fire Safe Councils and encourage landowner development of defensible fire space.	NRA-SL	WS RCD

Sue Crowe requested the RAC Committee vote on acceptance of the Title III project score and ranking sheets provided to each of them earlier.  
 Motion #2-Approve the scoring and ranking of submitted Title III project proposals.  
 Vote: all members voted yes  
 Results: The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.