

## **Instructions for Joining Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee**

The Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is made up of 15 members who serve 4-year terms. The RAC's primary focus is the Coronado National Forest and the Mesa District of the Tonto National Forest. Proposed projects the Southern Arizona RAC review and recommend are designed to improve Coronado and Tonto National Forest lands and the rural economies of the local counties. Project funding will be made available through Title II funds under the [Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act](#) reauthorized as part of the 2018 spending bill P.L. 115-141. The funds are made available to Pima, Maricopa, Cochise, Santa Cruz and Pinal counties which receive federal funds based on the percentage of land in federal ownership, timber receipt payments, and per capita income.

The RAC includes representation from the following interest areas:

(Category A) Five persons who represent: (a) Organized Labor or Non-Timber Forest Product Harvester Groups, (b) Developed Outdoor Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Users, or Commercial Recreation Activities, (c) Energy and Mineral Development, or Commercial or Recreational Fishing Groups, (d) Commercial Timber Industry, and (e) Federal Grazing Permit or Other Land Use Permit Holders, or Representative of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners, within the area for which the committee is organized.

(Category B) Five persons who represent: (a) Nationally Recognized Environmental Organizations, (b) Regionally or Locally Recognized Environmental Organizations, (c) Dispersed Recreational Activities, (d) Archaeology and History, and (e) Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Horse and Burro Interest, Wildlife, Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Associations.

(Category C) Five persons who represent: (a) Hold State-Elected Office, (b) Hold County- or Local-Elected Office, (c) American Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the committee is organized, (d) Area School Officials or Teachers, and (e) Affected Public at Large.

To be considered for Southern Arizona RAC membership, nominees must:

1. Be a resident of Arizona,
2. Identify what interest group you would represent and how you are qualified to represent that interest group,
3. Provide a cover letter stating why you want to serve on the RAC and what you can contribute,
4. Provide a resume showing your past experience in working successfully as part of a group working on forest management activities,
5. Complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information. The form may be obtained from the following Secure Rural Schools RAC on the [Coronado website](#) or [Secure Rural School Website](#). All nominations will be vetted by the Agency.
6. Please circle the category(s) of membership interest for which you would like to serve

### **Category A**

Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;

- Developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- Energy and mineral development, or commercial or recreational fishing interests;
- Commercial timber industry;
- Hold Federal grazing permits or other land use permits or represent non-industrial private forest landowners.

Category B

- Nationally recognized environmental organizations;
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
- Dispersed recreational activities;
- Archaeological and historical interests;
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

Category C

- Hold State elected office or their designee;
- Hold County or local elected official;
- Represent American Indian tribes within or adjacent to area for which the committee is organized
- School officials or teachers;
- Represent the affected public-at-large.

Please submit your complete application packet including nominee's name, cover letter, resume, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information) plus categories of membership representation to: Dana Backer, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701. For additional information, please contact: Dana Backer at 520-388-8424 or [dana.backer@usda.gov](mailto:dana.backer@usda.gov).