



National Forests in Alabama, Supervisor's Office

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Forest Service to host Alabama Resource Advisory Committee meeting in January

Montgomery, Ala., January 3, 2023—The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will host a virtual and in-person federally designated Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting on January 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the purpose of RAC, operating guidelines, responsibilities, ethics training, approved Title II projects and current funding proposals. A Secure Rural Schools RAC provides advice and recommendations to the Forest Service on the development and implementation of special projects as most recently reauthorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act in Public Law 116-94.

Alabama's RAC consists of 15 members, selected by the Secretary of Agriculture, to serve on the committee. Members from throughout the state represent varied interests and areas of expertise. They will encourage community collaboration between federal land managers by jointly proposing, reviewing, and making recommendations regarding proposed projects that will benefit resources on National Forest System lands throughout Alabama. Projects can maintain infrastructure, improve the health of watersheds and ecosystems, protect communities, and strengthen local economies.

The meeting is open to the public. Written comments and time requests for oral comments must be sent by email to Dawn Suiter at dawn.suiter@usda.gov by January 7, 2023.

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