

Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee Checklist

The Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is made up of 9 to 15 members who serve 4-year terms and advises the U.S. Forest Service on how to allocate Title II funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) includes Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Cochise, and Maricopa counties, and is managed by the Coronado National Forest.

Proposed Title II projects are designed to support environmental stewardship and infrastructure projects on or adjacent to federal lands. Title II funds are generated through multi-use activities, such as grazing, timber production, and special use permits, are distributed to eligible rural counties.

The RAC includes representation from the following interest areas:

(Category A) Five people 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 people 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 people 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 resume
4. Complete Form AD-755
5. Submit completed AD-755, checklist, and resume to robyn.abeyta@usda.gov or the mailing address below. Nominees are vetted, reviewed and appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. **Please note that this process can take several months.**

Coronado National Forest
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Tucson, AZ 85701

Please check 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

Print Name

Signature

Date