

Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee Nominations



The Forest Service is seeking community members, special interest groups, and local elected officials as nominees for the Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

This advisory committee reviews and recommends forest projects in Josephine, Curry, and Coos counties that are proposed for funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 or “Payments to the County”.

Deadline for applications for the new committee is June 11.

Forest Supervisor Scott Conroy, designated federal official for the Siskiyou RAC, said that the first committee was established in 2001 and completes its 3-year term this year. The next committee will serve from 2004 through 2007.

“We hope to have new citizens on the committee to help us identify the best projects that will result in benefits to the forests and communities,” commented Conroy. He added that he would like to see many of the current RAC members resubmit their application and bring forward their valuable experience and collaborative skills.



Resource advisory committees consist of 15 members representing a broad range of experience and interests. The committee works collaboratively for the long-term benefit of national forest lands, and duties include reviewing proposed forest projects, making recommendations to the designated federal official, and providing opportunities for other interested parties to participate in the project development process.



Applications should be sent to:
 Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, ATTN: RAC
 PO Box 520, Medford OR 97501
 Applications are available at Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest offices and on the internet, “www.fs.fed.us/r6/siskiyou/rac”. For more information, contact Public Affairs Officer Mary Marrs at (541) 858-2211.

Resource advisory committees are comprised of 5 members and a replacement member in each of three groups representing specific interests:

Category A

- Organized labor
- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation
- Energy and mineral development
- Commercial timber
- Federal grazing permit holders or land use permit holders within area



Category B

- Nationally recognized environmental organization
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organization
- Dispersed recreation
- Archaeological and historical interests
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse or burro groups

Category C

- State-elected office holders or designee
- County or local elected officer
- American Indian Tribe within or adjacent to RAC areas
- School officials or teachers
- Citizens representing the affected public at large



Nominees will be evaluated on their education, training, work experience in the interest area, knowledge of the geographic area, commitment to collaborative resource decision-making, and contributions to the balance and diversity of the committee. Final selections are made by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

Committee members serve a 3-year term without compensation, but may be reimbursed for official travel and lodging expenses. Meetings are generally twice a year within the geographic area of the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Members must reside within the state, and to the extent practicable within the RAC boundary.