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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations for Secure Rural School Resource Advisory Committees (SRS RACs) pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Additional information on SRS RACs can be found by visiting SRS RAC website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/pts/>.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. Nominations must contain a completed application packet that includes the nominee's name, resume, and completed Form AD-755 (Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information). The package must be sent to the address below.

ADDRESSES: See **Nomination and Application Information** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of the SRS RAC Regional Coordinators accepting nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy McArthur, National Partnership Coordinator, Forest Service Secure Rural Schools Program, by telephone at (808) 744-2792, or by email at cmcarthur@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf

(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with the provisions of FACA, the Secretary of Agriculture is seeking nominations for the purpose of improving collaborative relationships among people who use and care for National Forests and provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. The duties of SRS RACs include monitoring projects, advising the Secretary on progress and results of monitoring efforts, and making recommendations to the Forest Service for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the SRS RAC.

SRS RACs Membership

The SRS RACs will be comprised of 15 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. SRS RAC membership will be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and functions to be performed. SRS RAC members will serve 4-year terms. The SRS RACs shall include representation from the following interest areas:

- 1) 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.

2) Five persons who represent:

- (a) Nationally or Regionally 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 Organizaitons, or Watershed Associations.

3) 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.

In accordance with the Act, members of the SRS RAC shall serve without compensation. SRS RAC members and replacements may be allowed travel expenses and per diem for attendance at committee meetings, subject to approval of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) responsible for administrative support to the SRS RAC.

Nomination and Application Information

The appointment of members to SRS RACs will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. The public is invited to submit nominations for membership on the SRS RACs, either as a self-nomination or a nomination of any qualified and interested person. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more qualified persons to represent the interest areas listed above. To be considered for membership, nominees must:

1. Be a resident of the State in which the SRS RAC has jurisdiction,
2. Identify what interest group they would represent and how they are qualified to represent that interest group,
3. Provide a cover letter stating why they want to serve on the SRS RAC and what they can contribute,
4. Provide a resume showing their 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 AD-755 may be obtained from the Regional Coordinators listed below or from the following SRS RAC website:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/specialprojects/racs>. All nominations will be vetted by the Agency.

Nominations and completed applications for SRS RACs should be sent to the appropriate Forest Service Regional Offices listed below:

Northern Regional Office – Region 1

Central Montana RAC, Flathead RAC, Gallatin RAC, Idaho Panhandle RAC, Lincoln RAC, Mineral County RAC, Missoula RAC, Missouri River RAC, North Central Idaho RAC, Ravalli RAC, Sanders RAC, Southern Montana RAC, Southwest Montana RAC, Tri-County RAC

Jerry Drury, Northern Regional Coordinator (Montana), Forest Service, Federal Building, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804, (406) 329-3149.

Carol McKenzie, Northern Regional Coordinator, (Idaho), Forest Service, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8363, (406) 329-3608.

Rocky Mountain Regional Office – Region 2

Bighorn RAC, Black Hills RAC, Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Gunnison (GMUG) RAC, Medicine Bow-Routt RAC, Pike-San Isabel RAC, Saguache-Upper Rio Grande RAC, San Juan RAC, Shoshone RAC

Jace Ratzlaff, Rocky Mountain Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 740 Simms Street, Golden, Colorado 80401, (303) 275-5357.

Southwestern Regional Office – Region 3

Coconino County RAC, Eastern Arizona RAC, Northern New Mexico RAC, Southern Arizona RAC, Southern New Mexico RAC, Yavapai RAC

Mark Chavez, Southwestern Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 333 Boulevard Southeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, (505) 842-3393.

Intermountain Regional Office – Region 4

Ashley RAC, Bridger-Teton RAC, Central Idaho RAC, Dixie RAC, Eastern Idaho RAC, Elko RAC, Fishlake RAC, Humboldt (NV) RAC, Lyon-Mineral RAC, Manti-La Sal RAC, South Central Idaho RAC, Southwest Idaho RAC, Uinta-Wasatch Cache RAC, White Pine-Nye RAC

Andrew Brunelle, Intermountain Regional Coordinator (Idaho/Utah), Forest Service,
Federal Building, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401, (208) 344-1770.

Cheva Gabor, Intermountain Regional Coordinator (Nevada), Forest Service, 35 College
Drive, South Lake Tahoe, California 96150, (775) 224-2777.

Pacific Southwest Regional Office – Region 5

*Alpine County RAC, Amador County RAC, Butte County RAC, Del Norte County RAC, El
Dorado County RAC, Fresno and Madera Counties RAC, Glenn and Colusa Counties RAC,
Humboldt County RAC, Kern and Tulare Counties RAC, Lake County RAC, Lassen County RAC,
Mendocino County RAC, Modoc County RAC, Nevada and Placer Counties RAC, Plumas
County RAC, Shasta County RAC, Sierra County RAC, Siskiyou County RAC, Tehama RAC,
Trinity County RAC, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties RAC*

Marty Dumpis, Pacific Southwest Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 1323 Club
Drive, Vallejo, California 94592, (909) 599-1267.

Pacific Northwest Regional Office – Region 6

*Columbia County RAC, Colville RAC, Deschutes and Ochoco RAC, Fremont and Winema
RAC, Hood and Willamette RAC, North Gifford Pinchot RAC, North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie
RAC, Northeast Oregon Forests RAC, Olympic Peninsula RAC, Rogue and Umpqua RAC,*

Siskiyou (OR) RAC, Siuslaw RAC, Snohomish-South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie RAC, South Gifford

Pinchot RAC, Southeast Washington Forest RAC, Wenatchee-Okanogan RAC

Shandra Terry, Regional Public Involvement Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue Portland Oregon 97204, (503) 808-2242.

Maia Enzer, Planning and Public Engagement Specialist, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 808-2320.

Emily Biesecker, Volunteer and Service Program Manager, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 808-2816.

Nicholas Goldstein, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 808-2220.

Brenna White, Regional Conservation Education Partnership Specialist, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Forest Service, 1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon

97204, (503) 808-2246.

Southern Regional Office – Region 8

Alabama RAC, Cherokee RAC, Daniel Boone RAC, Davy Crockett-Sam Houston RAC, Delta-

Bienville RAC, DeSoto RAC, Florida National Forests RAC, Francis Marion-Sumter RAC, Holly

Springs-Tombigbee RAC, Kisatchie RAC, Ozark-Ouachita RAC, Sabine-Angelina RAC,

Southwest Mississippi RAC, Virginia RAC

Michael Williams, Southern Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Road,

Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, (404) 347-7632.

Eastern Regional Office – Region 9

Allegheny RAC, Chequamegon RAC, Chippewa National Forest RAC, Eleven Point RAC,

Gogebic RAC, Hiawatha RAC, Huron-Manistee RAC, Nicolet RAC, Ontonagon RAC, Superior

RAC, West Virginia RAC

David Scozzafave, Eastern Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, (414) 297-3602.

Alaska Regional Office – Region 10

Juneau RAC, Kenai Peninsula-Anchorage Borough RAC, Ketchikan RAC, Lynn Canal-Icy

Strait RAC, Prince of Wales Island RAC, Prince William Sound RAC, Sitka RAC, Wrangell-

Petersburg RAC, Yakutat RAC

Brent W. Douth, Alaska Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1807, (907) 586-9375.

George Schaaf, Alaska Regional Coordinator, Forest Service, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1807, (907) 586-7876.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA policies shall be followed in all

appointments to the Panel. To ensure that the recommendations of the Panel have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership will, to the extent practicable, include individuals with demonstrated ability to represent all racial and ethnic groups, women and men, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: August 14, 2017.

Malcom Shorter,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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