

NEWS RELEASE

**USDA Forest Service
Caribou-Targhee National Forest
1405 Hollipark Drive
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: **June 6, 2007**
07-21

Contact: **Joanna Wilson**
Phone: **208-524-7500**

Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee Seeks Project Proposals

Eastern Idaho: The Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is now accepting project proposals for natural resource improvements on National Forest lands from any interested person or organization. **Project proposals are due Friday, August 31, 2007 by close of business.** Project funds have been made available under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which was enacted to stabilize the payments rural counties receive from the federal government for roads and schools.

The RAC will review proposals and recommend for funding the highest ranking projects on the Caribou-Targhee National Forests within Bannock, Bear Lake, Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Franklin, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Oneida, Power and Teton Counties.

Approximately \$80,000 was made available by the county commissions of Bonneville, Caribou, Clark, Bear Lake and Fremont Counties for projects on the Caribou-Targhee National Forests.

Although The Act provides for a wide range of project types, projects must be on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest and/or benefit National Forest resources adjacent to National Forest lands. At least fifty percent of all project funds must be used for projects that restore streams and watersheds, or maintain or decommission roads.

Project proposals must be submitted on the Eastern Idaho RAC Project Proposal Form. The form and directions for completion are available at any Caribou-Targhee National Forest Office or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee>. For more information or assistance in completing the proposal form, contact Joanna Wilson at (208) 524-7500.