

Rogue-Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee– Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000

Issue:

Renewing the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which is vital to the future of the nation’s natural resources, and highlighting the successful work and community building accomplished through Title II dollars.

Background:

- ❑ **The Rogue River-Siskiyou and Umpqua national forests** hosted the Rogue-Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)
- ❑ **RAC membership included:**
 - Jim Van Loan (Idleld Park) – Developed Outdoor Recreation
 - Bill Rice (Myrtle Creek) – Energy and Mineral Development
 - Terry Westfall, Chair (Oakland) – Commercial Timber Industry
 - Bill Town (Scottsburg) – Commercial Timber Industry
 - Rex Crume (Tiller) – Grazing
 - Don Wilson (Roseburg) – Nationally Recognized Environmental Interests
 - Paul Utz (Roseburg) – Locally Recognized Environmental Interests
 - Anita Ward (Klamath Falls) – Locally Recognized Environmental Interests
 - Pepper Trail (Ashland) – Dispersed Recreation Activities
 - Janice Perttu (Jacksonville) -- Archaeological/Historical Interests
 - Faye Stewart II (Cottage Grove) – County-elected Office Holder
 - Tim Vredenberg (Roseburg) – American Indian Tribal Representative
 - Tom Keel (Umpqua) – School Official/Teachers
 - Ken Ferguson (Roseburg) – Citizen-at-large
 - Dick Swartzlender (Roseburg) – Citizen-at-large
 - Sally Town (Scottsburg) – Replacement Member
- ❑ Cliff Dils, Umpqua Forest Supervisor, is the designated federal official (DFO)
- ❑ The RAC has recommended approximately **\$19.9 million** of Title II funding for 353 projects in **five counties** (Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lane) on two national forests (Rogue River-Siskiyou and Umpqua) since 2002
- ❑ The RAC has leveraged hundreds of thousands of dollars in outside funds to promote common objectives of this legislation by **funding partnered projects** with Lane County Corrections Department, Umpqua Basin Watershed Council, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the North Umpqua Foundation, Smith River Watershed Council, and Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District.
- ❑ More than half of the work completed through Title II funds is restoration-type work for fisheries, fuels, watersheds, and roads.

Opportunities:

Working with the Rogue-Umpqua RAC is a satisfying and beneficial way for the Forest Service to strengthen relationships with counties, provide work for local contractors and community, and restore forest infrastructure and health.

Summary of Rogue/Umpqua RAC Title II projects by primary purpose (information from national Payments to States database)

Primary Purpose	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Community Economic Benefit	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Conservation Education	--	--	--	1	2	2	--	5
Control of Noxious Weeds	8	7	8	4	5	5	1	38
Fish Habitat Restoration	3	2	5	2	8	4	2	26
Forest Health Improvement	7	9	5	7	6	3	3	40
Fuels Management	2	--	--	9	4	4	1	20
Other Infrastructure Maintenance	3	3	7	6	6	11	7	43
Other Project Type	--	2	7	6	--	3	3	21
Reestablish Native Species	--	1	2	3	7	2	1	16
Road Decommission/Obliterate	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1
Road Maintenance	8	7	11	5	7	8	7	53
Soil Productivity Improvement	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Trail Maintenance	3	4	7	7	4	4	3	32
Trail Obliteration	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Watershed Restoration/Maintenance	7	3	2	4	4	2	4	26
Wildlife Habitat Restoration	3	6	--	4	7	7	4	31
Totals	44	46	54	58	60	55	36	353

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