

RAC events

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Approved Projects for 2006

The following Ecosystem Restoration Projects are approved for funding with Title II dollars in 2006...

Klamath County...

- ▲ Hog Mill Riparian- Chiloquin District- Prescribe burn 100 acres \$ 7,500
- ▲ Noxious Weed Suppression- Forest Wide- Survey and treat noxious weeds \$75,000
- ▲ Rocky Point Community Fuels- Klamath District- Reduce ladder fuels \$79,500
- ▲ Deming Creek Fish Passage- Bly District- Replace culvert \$50,000
- ▲ Panhandle Underburn- Chemult District- Underburn to reduce fuels \$289,950
- ▲ Airstrip riparian and Meadow- Chiloquin District- Riparian and meadow enhancement \$14,500
- ▲ Yoshouse Natural Fuels- Chiloquin District- Reduce hazardous fuels \$161,000
- ▲ Plant Material Collection- Forest Wide- Plant collection for restoration \$67,500
- ▲ 2006 Three Butte Ladder Fuels- Chemult- Reduce hazardous fuels \$303,860
- ▲ Rainbow Creek Road Obliteration- Klamath District- Remove unneeded road \$3,500
- ▲ South fork Precommercial Thinning – Bly district- Thinning \$190,667
- ▲ Annie Creek Road Relocation- Klamath- Move road to outside the riparian area \$38,300
- ▲ Westside/Seldom- Klamath District- Precommercial thinning \$266,000
- ▲ Lone Pine PCT Plantation- Chiloquin District- Thinning and brush release \$975,000 (partial funding)

Lake County...

- ▲ Noxious Weed Suppression- Forest Wide Project- Treat noxious weeds \$100,000
- ▲ Chewaucan Restoration Project (Weir)- Private- Replace Paisley town weir with new fish friendly design- \$50,000
- ▲ Taylor Ranch Fish Screens- Private- 1 fish screen to be installed/ improve 25 miles of stream \$18,176
- ▲ UTC Precommercial Thinning- Lakeview District- Mechanical and chainsaw thinning of 1800 acres \$201,667
- ▲ Cottonwood Creek Watershed phase 2- Lakeview District- Establish channel, reduce incision and restore riparian area \$13,000
- ▲ Chewaucan Watershed Monitoring- Private- Monitor restoration projects on the river \$114,000
- ▲ Coyote Creek Fish Passage- Silver Lake District- Culvert replacement \$12,500

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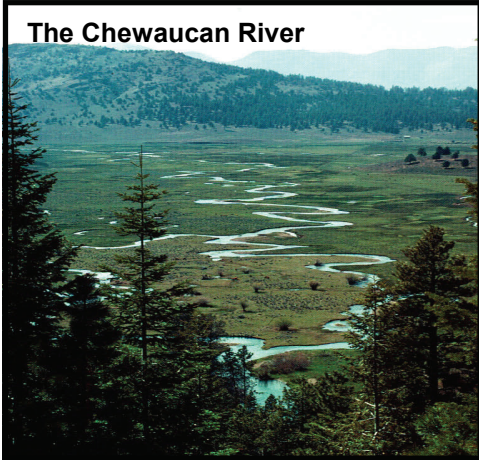
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Putting Local People to Work at Ecosystem Restoration



The Chewaucan River

Watersheds are a priority with the Fremont-Winema RAC

2005 Title II Accomplishments

In Klamath County the RAC funded 22 projects in 2005.

Of those 22 projects 5 are now complete, 10 are awarded to contractors and 7 are in preparation:

- 3277 acres of forest was thinned by hand, whipfalling and slash busting. Many of these acres will receive a burn treatment.
- 962 acres have received treatment for Noxious Weeds.
- Title II dollars assisted the economy in Klamath county in 2005 by employing 83 workers for 1366 days.

In Lake County Title II dollars had an array of accomplishments. Of the 9 projects funded in Lake County, 4 are complete with all 9 reporting back employment figures on completion of the fiscal year.

- 1224 acres of the Toolbox fire were planted.
- 375 acres of juniper were thinned by hand and mechanical treatment.
- 5 miles of stream was restored.
- 1 very large weir is in progress and almost complete. This weir will be very beneficial in aiding the Redband Trout species.
- 4 students @ the Paisley Charter School gained valuable experience in Natural Science through the Certificate of Mastery Project. This project is still in progress with work expected to continue in the classroom this winter.
- Title II dollars funded projects in 2005 that employed 53 people for a total of 900 days.

(These figures are based on project managers reporting back information on completed and projects that are still in progress. Some projects were not reported back as of the date of this report.)

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- ▲ Hager Mt. Prescribed Fire – Silver Lake District- Apply prescribed fire to 900 acres \$76,000
- ▲ Chewaucan Watershed Juniper Thinning – Paisley District- Thinning 600 acres \$100,000
- ▲ Bullard Canyon- Private- Juniper removal and weed control \$9500
- ▲ Dismal Creek Arch-footing Repair – Lakeview District- Repair footing to avoid collapse of the structure \$21,000

RAC Field Trip Fall 2005

The Fremont-Winema RAC's annual field trip was set in September this year .

The RAC visited the Lake County side of the Forest the first day. Beginning their trek on the Chewaucan river, they made two stops. Both projects although varying in their applications were aimed at restoring the watershed and aiding the Red-band trout's habitat

Lunch was a picnic on the Paisley School lawn, where the students who participated in the Certificate of Mastery program gave an update on

their experiences this past summer.

The trip then took the group north bound to Hager Mt. where a prescribed burn project , located within an old growth setting, will be implemented next year.

Day two of the tour was spent on the Chemult district. The staff led us through the woods and meadows to various sites in the Jack -Creek watershed, where projects to enhance this riparian were implemented with RAC funds.

The Chemult District staff served



a wonderful lunch buffet under the trees behind the district office.

Back on the road, we turned south for the rest of the journey. A visit to Scott Creek Campground not only served to show the RAC that the implementation of projects here worked to improve relations between the public and the lands. It also served as a perfect setting to spend a little time on a nice fall day.

How to Prepare RAC Proposal Classes

The Forest and the Fremont-Winema RAC co-sponsored two workshops titled "How to Prepare a Successful RAC Proposal." The Klamath County workshop was held on Wednesday January 18, 2006 at the Fremont-Winema National Forests' Klamath Falls Office. The Lake County workshop held at the Interagency Office was on Thursday January 19th. These workshops were the result of the RAC wanting more information on the proposals from the proponents and the proponents wanting a better understanding of what kind of projects the RAC was looking to fund.

Both workshops were well attended with representation from both the private sector and the Forests. Workshop topics ranged from briefings on priority watersheds considerations to weed projects on private lands. Technical advice and process was also emphasized.

The feedback most heard both days was, "why hadn't we done this workshop before now."

If you would like to submit a project to the Fremont-Winema RAC for this next funding cycle, the deadline is Feb. 14, 2006 for forest internal project proposals and April 1, 2006 for Private proposals.



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A Word From the DFO



Greetings! As we enter the New Year we find ourselves preparing for the next round of RAC project proposals. For the first time since the program began in 2002, the Forest and Fremont-Winema RAC co-hosted a “How to Prepare a Successful RAC Proposal Workshop” in Lake and Klamath Counties. Held in mid January, the workshops were well attended and involved more than 50 potential, eager proponents representing interests and ideas from private, federal and state entities.

Now that this workshop is behind us, I foresee the RAC reviewing and recommending even better, more innovative, project proposals this time around. As one of the most productive Title II programs in the nation, we anticipate a diversity of proposals that will serve to carry on our exceptional record of developing partnerships and implementing watershed restoration projects on the ground.

Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act has been a question on most of our minds for months. Just recently, the President unveiled his FY 2007 budget. In this budget there is funding to extend the program another year. However, some new contingencies have been added. Nevertheless, this news is encouraging and brings hope that additional people may be put to work and more watershed projects will be completed. If interested in the details of the Presidents budget please contact us. There will be a link to the website by the end of February.

In closing, I wish everyone the best in 2006! Keep up the good work! I believe that as long as we continue our tradition of good faith collaboration we will meet our challenge of supporting local communities and enhancing our counties' treasured ecosystems.

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