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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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In Reply To:
1784 (OR-080)

Dear Partner in Forest Health and Watershed Restoration:

As you may be aware, Secure Rural Schools and Community Schools Self-Determination Act of 2000 was extended for one year by Congress and was approved by the President. According to Section 203 of the Act, "Not later than...and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year...each resource advisory committee shall submit to the Secretary concerned a description of any projects that the resource advisory committee proposes the Secretary undertake using any project funds reserved by eligible counties.....". In order to meet the deadline to have projects approved by the resource advisory committee (RAC), I am sending out this notice to solicit full project proposals to be funded under this authority.

The full proposals will need to be submitted to the Salem District Office by **July 13, 2007**. A proposal form is attached. The form can also be downloaded from our web site at www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/rac/index.php. The full project proposals should be complete with no omissions. The completed proposals should be mailed or emailed to OR_Salem_Mail@blm.gov. Once we receive the proposals, we will evaluate them to ensure that they comply with requirements of the act. Projects must meet resource objectives identified in Section 2 (b) 2 of the Act which include but are not limited to:

- road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- soil productivity improvement;
- improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- watershed restoration and maintenance;
- restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- reestablishment of native species

Projects should be on BLM-administered lands but may be on non-BLM land if it can be demonstrated that the project would benefit lands or resources administered by the BLM. (Sec. 202 of the Act).

Those proposals that meet the criteria will be forwarded to the Salem Resource Advisory Committee for making the final determination on which projects should be approved. The **July 13, 2007** due date for full applications and other dates in the project review process are shown on the attached schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503)375-5644 or Trish Hogervorst at (503)375-5657.

Thank you for you continued commitment to forest health and watershed restoration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Gould", is written over a vertical line that extends from the "Thank you" line down to the signature line.

Randy Gould
Salem District RAC
Designated Federal Official

3 Attachments

- 1 - Project proposal form (5 p)
- 2 - Project information form (1 p)
- 3 - 2007 schedule (1 p)