

# News Release

## USDA Forest Service Plumas National Forest



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### **PLUMAS RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Quincy, December 8 – The Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be having their first meeting on December 17, 2008, from 10-12:00 p.m., in the Mineral Building at the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds in Quincy, CA. This will be the initial meeting for the group to review the new Secure Rural Schools legislation just passed, current funding timelines, operating guidelines, etc. The public is welcome to observe and to participate during the public comment period.

The RAC was originally established as a provision of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. Under the 2008 legislation the RAC in place in September 2006 is allowed to continue. The law (Public Law 106-393) replaced an arrangement that gave counties 25% of Forest Service receipts from logging, grazing, recreation and other activities on national forest lands. Plumas County will receive approximately of \$6.7 million in Forest Service receipts this year. The County Board of Supervisors has set aside about \$535,000 this year for 2009 projects to be proposed by the RAC to the Forest Service for the benefit of local trails, roads, forest health, watershed, and fish and wildlife habitat on Forest Service lands in Plumas Co. A slightly smaller amount will be available in 2009 for projects in 2010.

Fifteen members (3 categories) and three alternates representing a wide array of interests serve on the RAC. Currently, outreach is being conducted for a person to represent each of the following interests on the committee:

- Category B - wildlife or hunting organizations or watershed associations
- Category C – local elected official and American Indian.

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Replacement or alternate positions include:

- Category A – Developed outdoor recreation (1 person)
- Category B - Nat'l and Regional/Local environmental group; dispersed recreation; archaeology & historic; wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed association (1 person representing any interest)
- Category C - State/State appointed representative; school teacher/administrator; public at large; local elected official; or American Indian) (1 person representing any interest)

Alternates do not serve on the committee until there is a vacancy and all slots require a background check. Committee appointments will be for 4 year period.

For further information about this meeting, member recruitment or for special needs, contact Lee Anne Schramel Taylor at (530) 283-7850.

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