

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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--**Milwaukee, WI** The US Forest Service is seeking nominationsto fill 16 positions on the 11 member Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC). The RRAC provides recommendations on recreation fees to the agency for public lands within the Eastern Region.

Nominations for the following positions will be accepted through September 30, 2008. 1) Summer Motorized Recreation, 2) Hunting/Fishing, 3) Outfitters/Guides, 4) Local Environmental Groups, 5) Affected Indian Tribes, 6) Affected Local Governments.

Appointments will begin in February 2009 when current member two year appointments expire. Committee members will be appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and serve three year terms.

Potential nominees must represent certain interests as described in the December 2004 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). Applicants for the advisory committee must fill out an AD-755 (Advisory Committee Search/Promotion Background Information) form.

Interested applicants will be recommended to the Regional Forester for appointment based on the following evaluation criteria: 1) what interest group they represent and how they are qualified to represent a particular group, 2) why they want to serve on the committee and what they can contribute, and 3) their past experience in working successfully as part of a collaborative group. Letters of recommendation are welcome, but not required.

The demonstrated ability of the prospective committee member to represent minorities, women and persons with disabilities will also be considered for membership selections. USDA policies regarding equal opportunity will be followed in committee member selections and appointments.

RRAC members serve without pay. They are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses for regularly scheduled committee meetings. Meetings are open to the public and an open public forum is part of each meeting.

Additional information about RRACs, recreation fees, and REA is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/about-rec-fees.shtml>. Submit nomination packet to: US Forest Service, Attn: Marcia Heymen, Eastern Regional Office, 626 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202, by September 30, 2008.