## Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and Shasta-Trinity National Forest Announce Request for Proposals

The Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service is requesting proposals for the use of approximately **\$520,000** provided by The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. On October 3, 2008 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was amended and reauthorized in Public Law 110-343. This law ensures stable transition payments for the years 2008 – 2011.

**Preference** will be given to those projects that:

- ✓ Generate revenue and promote economic benefits beyond the grant period
- ✓ Leverage additional funds or in-kind services
- ✓ Create an innovative or alternative industry or product
- ✓ Create local employment
- ✓ Provide on-the-ground results
- ✓ Encourage sustainable forestland management
- ✓ Benefit fish and/or wildlife
- ✓ Provide or enhance recreation opportunities
- ✓ Support rural communities in Shasta County

**Eligibility** for project funds is limited to cooperative agreements with willing Federal Agencies, State and local governments, private and non-profit entities, and landowners for protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat, and other resource objectives consistent with the purposes of the Act on Federal land and on non-Federal land where projects would benefit the resources on federal land within Shasta County. Projects should be NEPA or CEQA compliant and include clear location maps and letters of support.

Proposals can be either single year or multi-year and up to the available amount. Project representatives should remain available to present the merits of their project to the Resource Advisory Committee on May 27<sup>th</sup> or May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Approved projects will require a combination of monitoring reports, presentations or site visits.

**Applications are due Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 by 4:30 p.m.** to the Shasta–Trinity National Forest Headquarters. Applications by email or CD are preferred, but not required. To download an application form electronically, please visit the RAC website at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/home-page/rac">http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/home-page/rac</a>

To receive an application via email or hard copy, contact the Shasta-Trinity National Forest at (530) 226-2595.

If you have **questions** please contact John Heibel, RAC Coordinator, at (530) 226-2524 or <u>jheibel@fs.fed.us</u> Send completed applications to: <u>jheibel@fs.fed.us</u> or Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Attn: John Heibel, 3644 Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002