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PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Applications due August 15, 2007

On May 25, 2007, President Bush signed P.L. 110-28 that contained a provision that provides for payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination of Act of 2000 for FY2007 (SRS) and extends provisions of Title II and Title III of the Act for one more year. This authorizes Resources Advisory Committees (RACs) to meet and recommend projects for FY07.

This letter is to advise you that the Lewis and Clark County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has funding available for natural resource projects in Lewis and Clark County. The committee has funds to allocate to projects by the end of next September. Projects must be identified by September 20, 2007 and projects must be completed by September 30, 2008.

The law directs that funds be spent on projects that accomplish one or more of the following objectives: maintain or remove roads and trails; improve soil and forest ecosystem health; restore watersheds; improve habitat for wildlife and fish; control weeds; and reestablish native animals and plants. The RAC favors projects which: have multiple benefits; low administrative costs; leverage other funding; and/or have community support.

While the deadline for project proposals is August 15, 2007, project proponents are encouraged to submit their proposals as soon as possible. The committee will meet in early September and project proponents are encouraged to attend. Proponents will be notified of the date and location.

Projects may occur on private land within Lewis and Clark County, but must demonstrate a benefit to federal land and must also qualify under an array of federal environmental laws.

Enclosed are proposal guidelines and project proposal forms. These forms are also available online at the Helena National Forest Website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena>, click on Resource Advisory Committee; and the Lewis and Clark County Website at www.co.lewis.-clark.mt.us.com click on Resource Advisory Committee.

Project proposals should be submitted electronically to the Helena National Forest Public Affairs Officer, Amy Teegarden at ateegarden@fs.fed.us For more information, you can contact me by phone at 495-3924 or email at dharp@fs.fed.us or contact Amy by phone at 495-3747 or email at ateegarden@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

s/ Duane H. Harp

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