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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

Carson Ranger District

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Members Needed for Resource Advisory Committee in Alpine County

Markleeville, CA...Alpine County and the Forest Service are seeking nominees for a 15-member Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to recommend projects and funding for watershed restoration, road and facility maintenance, and forest health on the Humboldt-Toiyabe. Members of a RAC work in a collaborative nature to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service that are consistent with Title II of the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as amended. (To learn more about Secure Rural Schools, go to the Forest's website, <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/>. Go to the far-right column, and look for the heading labeled "Secure Rural Schools").

Current vacancies exist in all three categories that include industry, environmental groups, recreation groups, elected officials, and local residents (see Categories A, B, and C) on the following page. Nominees will be evaluated based on their training and experience working with the interest they represent, their knowledge of Alpine County, their demonstrated commitment to collaborative decision-making, and their contribution to the balance and diversity of the RAC. RAC members:

- Must reside within the State of California and to the extent practicable, within Alpine County;
- Must be able to commit the time necessary to carry out the committee responsibilities of at least several meetings each year;
- Will be officially appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture for a term of four years; and,
- Will not receive compensation.

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Category A: is represented by five regular members and one replacement in one or more of the following interests:

- Organized labor
- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation
- Energy and mineral development
- Commercial timber industry
- Federal grazing permit holders or land use permit holders within the RAC area

Category B: is represented by five regular members and one replacement in one or more of the following interests:

- Nationally recognized environmental organizations
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations
- Dispersed recreation activities
- Archaeological and historical interests
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse or burro groups

Category C: is represented by five regular members and one replacement in one or more of the following interests:

- State-elected office holders or their designee
- County or local elected office holders
- American Indian tribal representatives from tribes within or adjacent to RAC areas
- School officials or teachers
- Citizens representing the affected public at large

If you are interested in serving on the RAC for Alpine County, please call Marnie Bonesteel, RAC Coordinator, at 775-884-8140, email her at mbonesteel@fs.fed.us, or send mail to Carson Ranger District, 1536 S. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Nominations are being accepted until all positions are filled.

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