


RAC Events

on the Fremont-Winema National Forests



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Prioritization FY06 for the Fremont-Winema RAC

Prioritization of Fremont-Winema FY06 proposals took place June 22nd and 23rd. The two-day meeting was held in Lakeview, Oregon at the Elks Lodge. With a majority of the members, district rangers for The Fremont-Winema forest, Forest Supervisor Karen Shimamoto, Designated Federal Official Amy Gowan, and staff present, the meeting went off without a hitch.

The district rangers answered questions on the status of previously funded Title II projects and gave an overview of the FY06 proposals on their respective districts.

There was much discussion this year about monitoring of Title II projects. The RAC wants to make sure that the monitoring is done with effectiveness in the reporting. The board formed a committee, of Bill Duke, Hank Mroczkowski, and Pete Talbott. They will draft a document for proponents

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A Word From the Chair

“I would like to thank the board for having the confidence in me to elect me as the committee chairman for the 05/06 term. It is an honor to be able to serve you and our communities. Many thanks to the outgoing chair, Bill Duke, for his service to the board. Great Job Bill!”

Along with the entire board, I would like to thank Mr. Chuck Wells for his years of service with the Fremont-Winema RAC. His commitment to our communities and the healthy forest will be enjoyed by the citizens of this state for years to come.

We have just completed the prioritization meeting for the FY06,

and the RAC has once again sent forward for funding an array of outstanding projects.

I will now be working with Amy Gowan, our Designated Federal Official, to plan the field trips for fall 2005. The RAC will tour completed projects sites, projects that are in progress and the district rangers have chosen areas that they would like the RAC to see as possible projects in the future. The latter is as a result of the Fremont-Winema RAC putting emphasis on working within the forests plan to accomplish more for their dollars.

Hank Mroczkowski, Chair

Putting Local People to Work at Ecosystem Restoration

Prioritization cont.

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to use in future proposals. This document will also assist the RAC in the tracking process, and will include a more detailed budget page.

The RAC would like to get the word out to future applicants that they will be looking to concentrate their efforts on critical watersheds and select projects that fit objectives and desired conditions for the watershed as a whole. Work being done on the ground should contribute to the overall health of the watershed and will be consistent with the goals and objectives of watershed analysis and forest land management plans.

The prioritization list will be presented to Klamath and Lake county commissioners in early September and then Forest Supervisor Karen Shimamoto for approval.

The committee unanimously agreed that proposals are getting better thus making their job more difficult. This is a welcome challenge.

The RAC would like to thank all the proponents for their good works and looks forward to seeing the projects completed.

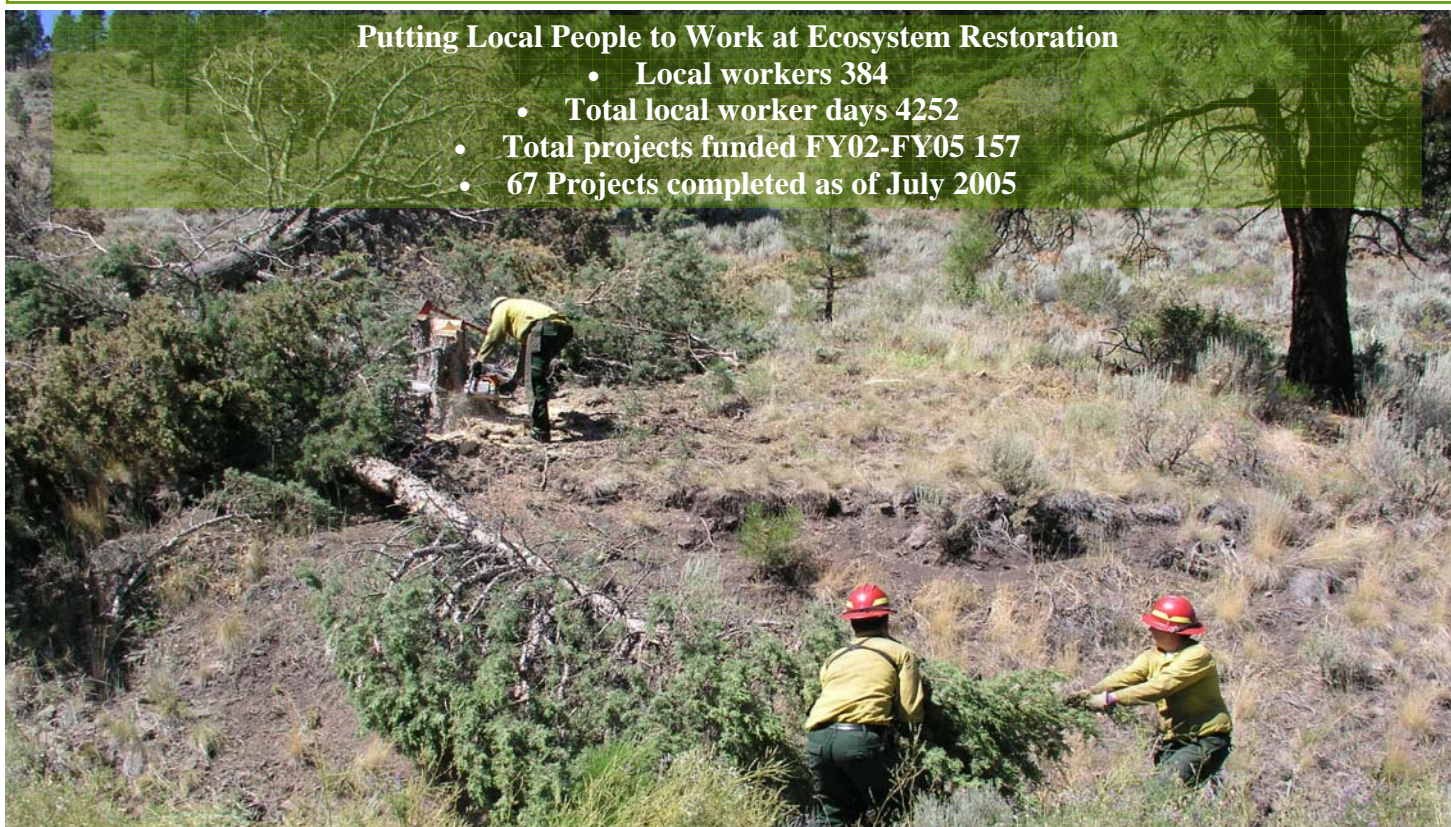
Next, on the agenda for the RAC, is a two day field trip that is scheduled for September 12-13, 2005.

See the minutes for the Fremont-Winema RAC prioritization meeting on the web:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/frewin/news/special-projects/rac/index.shtml>

Putting Local People to Work at Ecosystem Restoration

- Local workers 384
- Total local worker days 4252
- Total projects funded FY02-FY05 157
- 67 Projects completed as of July 2005



Numbers above based on completed projects that have reported back.

CAM-Certificate of Advanced Mastery

The Paisley School District became the first charter school district in the state of Oregon in 2003. In building the charter the district decided to offer many Certificates of Advance Masteries (CAM's) that reflect the unique community and rural area within the district. The Natural Resources/Science CAM is one of those offered. In the past the focus was production agriculture. Now, however the district is expanding this to include forest and range management.

In FY05 the district received \$29,979 Title II dollars from the Fremont-Winema RAC for this project. In the summer of '05, work began with a crew leader, Jon Jones and four local students (Brittany Cramer, Hannah O'Leary, Blake Cowart and Trenton Jeffrey). Besides being paid for the work on the Fremont-Winema National Forest, the students will also receive credit towards their Natural Resources/Science Certificate of Mastery.

"The Crew"
From left to right
Brittany Cramer,
Hannah O'Leary,
Blake Cowart, and
Trenton Jeffrey
showing off trophy
size weeds.



Trenton and Chris Forrestal

*"This experience has taught us teamwork, a positive work ethic and real world job situations."
The Crew*



Blake, Trenton, Hannah, and Brittany

Projects that the students have undertaken include working with Chris Forrestal on his woodpecker study. This involved viewing woodpecker nests, catching woodpeckers, and banding and sampling blood from the birds for DNA testing. Following this detail, the crew worked with Janette Wilson and Judy Weber digging noxious weeds such as Musk Thistle and Mediterranean Sage. Next, several miles of trail were

hiked and maintained for Larry Hills, Trails/EEO Specialists. There were several long days of slash piling both on the Silver Lake and Paisley districts. And the latest accomplishment was establishing fuels plots for the Silver Lake Ranger District.

From the perspective of the crew, "This experience has taught us team work, a positive work ethic and real world job situations."

IFA Nursery has Willows (Native Plant Species)

Native plant species are available for riparian restoration projects in the Klamath Basin. Cuttings are collected from sites within the Klamath Basin and are grown to seedlings for out planting at a local nursery

The IFA Nursery has available Willows, Red-osier Dogwood, Aspen, Black Cottonwood, and Alder for restoration projects. At this time the goal is to have 30,000– 40,000 seedlings of various species available annually for watershed restoration planting projects. The seedlings vary from 6 inches to 2 feet in height with about an 8 inch root plug. Orders for seedlings need to be submitted one year prior to the time of need.

If you are presently working with the Ecosystem Restoration Office (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), the Klamath Soil and Water Conservation District, or the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, contact the project coordinator with that organization. If your restoration project is not coordinated with one of these groups, contact Tom Gorman, Native Plant Materials Project Coordinator, with the U.S. Forest Service on the Fremont-Winema forest @ (541) 883-6794 for possible seedlings.



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