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Dear Partner in Forest Health and Watershed Restoration:

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Schools Self-Determination Act (ACT) of 2000, as amended by (Public Law (PL) 110-343) is in effect through Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. According to Section 203 of the Act, “Not later than...and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year...each resource advisory committee shall submit to the Secretary concerned a description of any projects that the resource advisory committee proposes the Secretary undertake using any project funds reserved by eligible counties.....”. In order to meet the deadline to have projects approved by the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), I am sending out this notice to solicit full project proposals to be funded under Title II of this authority.

In 2011, the Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will review and recommend approximately \$777,000 worth of Title II projects to be funded in Fiscal Year 2012. (The federal fiscal year is October 1 through September 30). We have developed a schedule to solicit projects, review them for compliance with the resource objectives of the Act, and have the RAC vote on projects and recommend them for funding to the Eugene District Manager.

To accomplish this, we are requesting that full proposals be submitted to the Eugene District Office by **August 15th, 2011**. A proposal form is attached. The form can also be downloaded from our web site at www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/rac/index.php. I strongly encourage you to visit the web site for more information on this funding authority. The full project proposals should be complete with no omissions. The completed proposals should be mailed to the address above or emailed to OR_Eugene_Mail@blm.gov. Once we receive the proposals, we will evaluate them to ensure that they comply with requirements of the Act. Projects must meet one of the resource objectives identified in Section 2(C) (i–vii) of the Act and may include such projects as:

- Road, trail, and infrastructure improvement, maintenance or obliteration;
- Soil productivity improvement;
- Improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- Watershed restoration and maintenance;
- Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- Control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- Reestablishment of native species.

Project funds may be used on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered land and on non-BLM administered land, only where projects can be demonstrated to provide benefit to the resources on BLM-administered lands (Sec. 202). Projects that occur on non-BLM administered land and do not demonstrate a benefit to BLM managed resources will be rejected.

Those proposals that meet the criteria established in the legislation will be forwarded to the Eugene Resource Advisory Committee for making the final determination on which projects should be recommended for approval by the Eugene District Manager. The **August 15, 2011** due date for full applications and other dates in the project review process are shown on the attached schedule.

Although projects will be recommended and approved this fiscal year, funds will not be available for spending on projects until after November of 2011. Please take this into account when you make your application.

Thank you for your continued commitment to forest health and watershed restoration. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Johnston, Title II Project and RAC Coordinator at (541)683-6181 or me at (541)683-6988.

Sincerely,

Virginia Grilley
Eugene District Manager
Designated Federal Officer