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Memorandum

To: Edward W. Shepard
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From: Virginia Grilley
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Virginia Grilley 9/23/11

Subject: Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (as re-authorized), Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Fiscal Year 2008 (Round 3-new bill) Title II Project Funding Decisions

I am requesting with this memorandum that the RAC committee proposal letter be signed by the State Director. The 1203 – Delegation of Authority shows that proposals from the RAC committee be signed by the State Director unless the Delegation of Authority has been re-delegated lower. The Eugene District has not currently received this delegation. I have attached the letter of recommended RAC projects, requiring your signature.

Please sign the original letterhead copy and return it to our office for distribution. Copies of this original will be provided to each committee representative and included in the committee records maintained by the assigned custodian.

Thank you for completing this correspondence. If you have further questions regarding this request please contact myself, Virginia Grilley or the District RAC Coordinator, Pat Johnston.

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See attached mailing list

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Dear Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee:

Based on the proceedings from the Resource Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 1, 2011 and upon the recommendations of the committee, I recommend the use of funds from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act for the implementation of Title II projects identified herein. It is my determination that all projects recommended for funding by the Eugene RAC meet the purposes of the Act and are in the public interest.

The five specific requirements essential for approval and funding identified in Section 204 (a) of the Act have been or will be met in the following manner:

- 1. Compliance with all applicable Federal law and regulations:** Has or will be certified by the appropriate line manager by his/her signature of the individual NEPA decision document required for each project.
- 2. Consistency with applicable Resource Management Plan:** All 'Round 4-new bill) projects are consistent with the Eugene RMP/ROD (June 1995) which incorporates the Northwest Forest Plan (April 1994) and the 2008 Western Oregon Plan revision.
- 3. The RAC process will be consistent with the requirements of the Act:** The RAC meeting was held in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and Eugene District RAC Charter requirements. A quorum was present at the meeting on September 1, 2011. All projects that were recommended for funding in "Round 4-new bill" received a majority of support from all three RAC membership categories. Public notices for these meetings were published in the Federal Register and a public forum time was provided for on the agenda.
- 4. Applications for these projects were submitted to the RAC for their review consistent with the Act's requirements.** The Title II project applications contained the following information required for projects to be funded and were provided to all RAC members prior to the scheduled meetings;

- Purpose of the project
- Description of how the project meets the purposes of the Act
- Statement of how the project benefits O and C lands and resources
- Expected duration and costs of the project
- Expected beneficial outcomes
- Monitoring plan

5. Projects will improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems and/or will restore and improve land health and water quality.

All “Round 4- new bill” projects recommended for funding will either contribute to improved existing infrastructure, improved aquatic or terrestrial habitat ecosystems, improved water quality or improved watershed or forest health.

The following is the complete list of projects recommended for approval.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Juvenile Forest Work Team</i>	
<i>(Partial Funding)</i>	\$110,000
<i>Northwest Youth Corps</i>	\$ 46,571
<i>Kennedy Conservation Corps</i>	\$ 76,735
<i>Siuslaw Road@ Milepost 42.0</i>	\$ 54,839
<i>WEW Wetland Habitat Improvement</i>	\$ 61,532
<i>McGowan Creek EE Program</i>	\$ 23,983
<i>(Partial Funding – for Restroom facility on site)</i>	
<i>Signs for Resource Protection</i>	\$ 6,000
<i>Triangle Lake Youth Corps</i>	\$ 66,605
<i>Siuslaw Restoration and Monitoring</i>	\$ 46,538
<i>Owens Creek Fish Passage</i>	
<i>(Partial Funding)</i>	\$178,353
<i>ID and Clean up Illegal Dumpsites</i>	\$ 60,000
 <i>TOTAL</i>	 <i>\$731,156</i>

In the event additional funding becomes available, the following projects will be funded in order of priority:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew</i>	\$233,456
<i>(Incremental funding until fully funded)</i>	
<i>Owens Creek Fish Passage</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>(Restore full funding)</i>	

*Whitewater & Martin Rapids Rec Site
Fund one restroom facility at Martin
Whitewater & Martin Rapids Rec Site
Fund second restroom facility
Juvenile Forest Work Team \$ 10,750
(Restore to full funding)
Northwest Youth Corps \$ 70,000
(Restore to full funding)*

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter then please contact the Eugene District RAC Coordinator, Pat Johnston at pjohnston@blm.gov or 541-683-6181.

Thank You,

Edward W. Shepard
State Director, Oregon/Washington