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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) 112-141 is in effect for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. 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 2012, the Salem District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will review and recommend approximately \$450,000 worth of Title II projects to be funded in Fiscal Year 2013. (A federal fiscal year is October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>). We will be developing 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 Salem District Manager.

To accomplish this, we are requesting that full proposals be submitted to the Salem District Office by **August 30, 2012**. A proposal form is attached. The form can also be downloaded from our web site at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/rac/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/rac/index.php)

I strongly encourage you to visit this web site for more information on this funding authority. The full project proposals should be complete. The completed proposals should be mailed to the address above or emailed to: [OR\\_Salem\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:OR_Salem_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 or more of the resource objectives identified in Section 2(C) (i-vii) of the Act, such 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 only be used on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered land and on non-BLM administered land where projects can be demonstrated to provide benefit to the resources on BLM-administered lands (Sec. 202).

Those proposals that meet the criteria established in the legislation will be forwarded to the Salem Resource Advisory Committee for making the final determination on which projects should be recommended for approval by the Salem District Manager. The **August 30, 2012** 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 likely be available for spending on projects until after November of 2012. Please take this into account when you make your application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 315-5968.

Thank you for your continued commitment to forest health and watershed restoration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Hatfield

Richard Hatfield  
Salem District RAC  
Designated Federal Official

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