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Gifford Pinchot National Forest Seeks Resource Advisory Committee Members

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The Gifford Pinchot National Forest is conducting outreach to fill positions on two federal Resource Advisory Committees (RACs). Resource Advisory Committees are established as a provision of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. Resource Advisory Committees are responsible for reviewing and recommending projects for implementation under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act. By law, the fifteen-member committee is composed of a wide representation of national forest interests, such as timber, recreation, wilderness, or wildlife. Members serve four-year terms. The Forest seeks a variety of diverse interests to participate; specific vacancies on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest RACs include those representing educational interests, recreation, environmental organizations, elected officials, and the public-at-large. Replacement members are also needed, should a Committee member leave for any reason.

“RACs are a great way for interested community members to engage in a public lands dialogue and recommend resource projects funded by the Secure Rural Schools Act,” stated Gina Owens, Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor.

Recommended projects must have broad community-based support with objectives that improve aspects such as forest infrastructure, watersheds, hazardous fuels reduction, native plants and animals, or forest ecosystem health. Projects must be on national forest lands or directly benefit national forest resources.

If you are interested in serving as a member of the North Gifford Pinchot and/or South Gifford Pinchot RAC, contact Gala Miller at 360-891-5014 or galamiller@fs.fed.us for assistance in completing a simple application. Applicants must complete the Advisory Committee or Research and Promotion Background Information Form (AD-755) and return to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest no later than Dec. 11, 2015. More information is also available online at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/giffordpinchot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees

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