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Ashley National Forest Seeks Project Proposals for Projects on or Adjacent to the National Forest

Vernal, Utah ... The Ashley Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is soliciting proposals for projects from the public that would enhance forest ecosystems or restore and improve land health and water quality on or adjacent to National Forest System (NFS) Lands that directly benefit NFS Lands.

The RAC will review and recommend projects for funding under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

According to RAC Designated Federal Officer, John R. Erickson, "The Ashley RAC is a great example of collaboration between varied interest groups within the Uintah Basin. The RAC recommends projects and will have \$160,000 in public funds to implement and complete projects on the Ashley National Forest in Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah Counties in 2016."

RAC Project forms and instructions are available at the Ashley Forest Service office in Vernal, Utah, or on the Ashley National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ashley/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> . To be of most use applications should be received by December 11, 2015.

The RAC will begin reviewing projects for possible funding in the near future. The public is welcome to attend all RAC meetings. For more information on the Committee or to learn more about proposing projects contact RAC Coordinator Louis Haynes at 435-781-5105, email: ljhaynes@fs.fed.us .

The Ashley Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has funded projects such as the creation of a bypass trail for ATV's to access McCafee Basin on the Duchesne-Roosevelt Ranger District, avoiding conflicts with crossing tribal lands. This project was submitted by a member of the public and was completed within a year of submission. The RAC has also funded road maintenance such as improving the road into Windy Park and the renovation of the Ute Mountain Fire Lookout Tower.