

2002 APPROVED PROJECTS

- 1) **Mill Creek Watershed Restoration** **\$10,600**
Remove approx. 235 head of wild cattle from the drainage;
matching funds from Mill Creek Conservancy and LNF.
- 2) **Campground Toilet Replacement** **\$41,000**
Remove wooden toilets from three campgrounds. Replace
with modern vaults. Grindstone District (MNF)
- 3) **Decommission Mud Flat Campground** **\$2,600**
Remove old and unsafe facilities; manage as dispersed
campsite; fence off spring. (MNF)
- 4) **Meadow Maintenance** **\$10,000**
Maintain 3 Prong Meadow by removing encroaching
vegetation to improve habitat and reduce fuel. (MNF)
- 5) **Cold Springs Fuel Break** **\$20,000**
Multi-year/phase fuel reduction. (LNF)
- 6) **Gather Camp Realignment** **\$14,780**
Restore campground access. (LNF)
- 7) **Wilson Lake Road Align** **\$50,370**
Relocate & realign parts of Wilson Lake Rd. to reduce
erosion. (LNF)
- 8) **Sunflower CRMP** **\$38,600**
- 9) **Valentine Ridge Fuelbreak** (MNF) **\$9,700**
- 10) **Lazyman Trail Maintenance** (STNF) **\$28,320**

The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee has been authorized by the Supervisors to allocate Title II funds towards qualifying projects in Tehama County. The Committee is allocating the funds based on the approximate percentage of acreage within Tehama County of each of the three National Forests. The general ratio is LNF and MNF 40% each and STNF 20%, while reserving the right to adjust for outstanding projects.

LNF - Lassen National Forest
MNF - Mendocino National Forest
STNF - Shasta-Trinity National Forest



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THE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Resource Advisory Committee was recommended by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors and approved by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. It represents a broad array of community groups including county government, education, recreation, environmental groups, labor, native American, industry, and other similar interests. Normally the RAC meets monthly.

ROLE OF THE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To approve and recommend projects funded through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, PL106-393, Title II (HR 2389) to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture through the Mendocino National Forest.



THE LAW

Public Law 106-393 was passed and signed into law in 2000 as a result of efforts by a broad-based national coalition of counties and school districts having U.S. National Forests within their boundaries to reenergize the compact that was made with the people in these counties when the U.S. National Forest System was established. Since 1908 a portion of the gross proceeds from all economic activity (forest products, land rental, recreation, etc.) of National Forests has been paid to counties for roads bridges and to schools as mitigation for the removal of these lands from public acquisition and development. In the past decade these receipts have steeply declined and virtually disappeared in some counties. Public Law 106-393 provides a six-year "safety-net" for schools and counties. For Tehama County this guarantees that at least two million dollars in Forest Reserve funds will be available annually for schools and roads.

TITLE II PROJECTS WILL:

Establish a significant new role for counties and local stakeholders in federal land management decision-making. It will create employment opportunities through projects on or adjacent to U.S. National Forest Lands. These will improve forest ecosystems, and restore or improve land health and water quality. These projects shall enjoy broad-based support with objectives that may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) hazardous fuel reduction
- 2) road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration
- 3) soil productivity improvements
- 4) improvements in forest ecosystem health
- 5) watershed restoration and maintenance
- 6) restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat
- 7) control of noxious and exotic weeds
- 8) reestablishment of native species

TITLE II & III PROJECTS

For each of the next five years the Tehama County Board of Supervisors will have the opportunity to allocate annually fifteen percent of Forest Reserve receipts to Title II and/or Title III projects. The intent of the original legislation was to fund Title II projects to reconnect local communities with the management of local forests. Title III projects are approved by the Board of Supervisors and may only be spent for very specific purposes after 45 days legal notice.



CRITERIA FOR APPROVING PROJECTS

- 1) Provides employment to Tehama County residents and promotes economic diversity.
- 2) Utilizes matching funds or is a component of a larger project funded by other sources
- 3) Maximizes percentage of project costs going to project implementation.
- 4) Provides improvement and/or protection to watersheds and other natural resources.
- 5) Reduces the threat to rural communities from wildfires and other natural disasters.
- 6) Heightens public awareness and promotes stewardship of local resources.

SOLICITATION OF NEW PROPOSALS

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) actively solicits proposals relating to the U.S. National Forest Lands of Tehama County. **Information may be secured at the Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, or at the Tehama County Department of Education, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, or from any member of the committee.**

In order to help you with the application process you are urged to communicate directly with **Mr. Jim Giachino, Designated Forest Officer for Tehama County at 530-934-3316.** He stands ready to advise you whether you have a proposal which can be recommended for approval as well as to provide information on what is required in the application.

The proposal application deadline is **January 31.** By that date proposals must be submitted to the Chairman of the RAC. Project approval is dependent upon meeting legal requirements, meeting the criteria for approving projects (noted above), availability of funding and approval of a majority of the three broad groups represented in the RAC. Supporting projects that bring together various multiple public and private interests in shared cooperative efforts is a major goal of the legislation.

Website Information for Region 5
(including Tehama County)
<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/pay2states>