**The Six Rivers National Forest (USDA Forest Service) is seeking community members to serve on Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) for Humboldt County.**

**Please share this opportunity!**

*What is a RAC?*

Resource Advisory Committees review and recommend land management projects for public benefit, directing money from the federal government to local priorities on or near federal land. Past projects funded at the advice of RACs include road and trail maintenance, fuels treatments, invasive plant removal, and sanitation improvement. Committee members will:

* Attend an **informal introductory meeting** in late winter/early spring of 2020 (optional)
* **Read and form opinions** on a packet of proposed projects before the voting meeting
* **Vote on projects at a voting meeting in spring 2020**! *Transportation costs to the meeting will be covered and food will be provided. Meetings are typically evenings or weekends.*

*Why serve on a RAC?*

Participating in a RAC is a great opportunity to **build a resume of civic engagement**, learn about county and federal government, **meet community members** with diverse perspectives, and help **democratically determine how funds are spent** on and around public land. RAC members are selected to equally represent three categories of interests, described below.

*How to apply:*

Potential RAC members should **print, fill out, and sign** the attached **interest form** and **application form** and **send a paper copy** to Devin McMahon, RAC Coordinator, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501, along with a brief **cover letter** explaining your interest in serving on a RAC. **Applications are due September 20th!**

*More information:*

Funding for RACs is authorized through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and was reauthorized by Congress in 2018. Applications are sent to the US Department of Agriculture office in Washington, DC for approval. RAC membership must represent the following interests (five members from each category for a total of 15):

**Category A** represents organized labor or non-timber forest harvester groups, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, commercial recreation activities, energy and development interests, commercial timber industry, federal grazing or land use permit holders, or private forest land owners within the county.

**Category B** represents nationally recognized environmental organizations, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities, archaeological and historical interests, nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interests, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

**Category C** represents state elected officials (or designees), county or local elected officials, American Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the county, school officials or teachers, or the affected public at large.

RAC members can serve for up to four years, with the possibility of a second four-year term. Details on RACs and application forms are also available from the Six Rivers National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/srnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees>.