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## **EASTERN IDAHO RESOURCE ADVISORY APPROVES PROJECTS**

**Idaho Falls, Idaho:** The Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) has selected 12 forest resource projects to fund under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The law is commonly referred to as the Craig-Wyden legislation, and was enacted to stabilize the payments rural counties receive from the federal government for roads and schools.

In its third year of existence, the RAC approved \$67,000 in grants to projects located in nine Eastern Idaho counties. RAC Chairperson Bruce Dredge said, "Many people will enjoy the benefits associated with these worthwhile projects that otherwise would not have been funded. We appreciate all the partners who, by offering matching funds and in kind services, will help provide important recreation facilities, transportation infrastructure and watershed improvements."

The approved projects are: Bear Lake Trail Maintenance, Bear Lake and Caribou Counties; Emigration Creek Sediment Reduction, Bear Lake County; Thomas Fork Safe Fish Passage, Bear Lake County; Burns Creek Fence/Cattleguard, Bonneville County; Echo Canyon

Gate Project, Bonneville County; Rainey Creek Community Restoration, Bonneville County;  
Table Rock Road Dispersed Sites, Bonneville County; Willow Creek Road, Bonneville County;  
Noxious Weeds Spraying, Caribou County; Tent Camping Pads – Aldous Lake, Clark County;  
Sawtell Creeks Habitat Improvement and Yellowstone Cutthroat Restoration, Fremont County;  
Moody Riparian, Madison County and Little Pine Creek Sediment Reduction,  
Teton/Bonneville/Madison/Jefferson Counties.

Jerry Reese, Forest Supervisor for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest said, “The projects recommended by the RAC are a nice complement to the work the forest crews plan to accomplish this field season.” Reese said he feels the new grant program has been successful and he expects greater county and public interest in the RAC program in upcoming years.

For more information on the Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee visit

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee/projects/rac/index.shtml>.