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## Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000

### **Election of Payments**

- County decision made by September 30, 2001
  - Default is 85% for schools and roads and 15% returned to US Treasury.
- A decision to receive the traditional 25% payment is effective for 2-years.
- A decision to receive the full payment amount is effective for 6-years.

### **Expenditure Allocations**

- Traditional 25% payment
  - 50% for schools
  - 50% for roads.
- Full payment method
  - 40% – 42.5% for schools  
- 42.5% for roads
  - 15% – 20% for community, forests or US Treasury
  - 0% of funds expended on forest resources dedicated to road maintenance, decommission, obliteration, or stream and watershed restoration.

### **Resource Advisory Committee**

- Selected by Secretary
- Appointed for 3-year terms, optional extension of 3 years
- Appointed by April 29, 2001
- No compensation
- 15 members
  - 5 represent organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle use, commercial recreation, energy and mineral development, commercial forest products, or land use permittees within the area
  - 5 represent nationally recognized environmental groups, regionally or locally recognized environmental groups, dispersed recreational activities, historical interests, nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interests
  - 5 represent state elected office, county or local elected office, Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area, public at large, or are school officials or teachers
- Members reside within the State and to the extent practical, the local area
- Established for part of, one or more units of Federal lands
  - Ensure each federal land unit has access to committee
  - Sufficient interest in participation exists
  - Membership can be balanced in terms of points of view and functions

- May use existing advisory committees
- Duties
  - Improve collaborative relationships
  - Provide early and continuous coordination
  - Provide frequent opportunity for public participation
  - Provide advice and recommendations consistent with purposes of the Act
  - Propose projects
  - Review Title II and Title III projects
  - ~~Approve and submit Title II Projects to the Secretary by September 30, 2001 and each September 30 thereafter.~~
  - Execute agreement with Secretary
    - Schedule for project completion
    - Total cost of project
    - Level of agency overhead to be charged
    - Estimated cost of the project for each fiscal year
    - Remedies for Secretary failure to comply with terms of the agreement

## **Title II Projects – Forest Resources**

- Proposed by public, county or resource advisory committee
  - Reviewed and approved by resource advisory committee
  - Submit proposals annually to the Secretary by September 30
- Authorized by the Secretary
- Project purposes
  - Protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife
  - Maintain existing infrastructure
  - Implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems
  - Restore and improve land health and water quality.
  - Cooperative agreements with federal, state and local agencies, and private landowners
  - Federal land
  - Non-federal land where federal land is benefited
- Funding Sources
  - Funded by single or multiple county full payments allocations
  - State and local government funds
  - Private funds
  - Cannot use funds appropriated for similar work
  - Environmental documents paid by County if so requested
- Project description
  - Purpose of the project
  - How the project will meet the purposes of the Act
  - Anticipated duration of the project
  - Anticipated cost
  - Proposed funding source
  - Expected outcomes – ecological conditions, maintenance objectives, stewardship objectives, forest products, forage and jobs
  - Detailed monitoring plan
  - Public interest assessment

- **Merchantable material contracting pilot program**
  - Harvesting merchantable material
  - Sale of merchantable material
  - 15% in FY 2001
  - 25% in FY 2002-2003
  - 50% in FY 2004-2006
  - Secretary Decision to use pilot contracting
  - All Appropriated funds available to assist pilot project
  - Report due September 30, 2003 from the Comptroller General

### **Title III Projects – Community**

- Proposed by public, county or resource advisory committee
- Reviewed by resource advisory committee
- Approved by participating county
- Categories
  - Search, rescue and emergency services
  - Community service work camps
  - Easements for nonmotorized access to public lands
  - Conservation easements
  - Forest related educational opportunities
  - **Fire prevention and county planning to reduce impacts on adjacent Federal lands**
  - Community forestry