



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the Southern Region Recreation Resource

Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Solicitation of nominations for membership.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (Department) is seeking nominations for the Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Southern Region Recreation RAC) pursuant to the authority of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended. The Southern Region Recreation RAC will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture on recreation fees on lands and waters managed by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management in the regions covered by each committee. The Southern Region Recreation RAC will be governed by the provisions of FACA. Duration of the Southern Region Recreation RAC is for two years unless renewed by the Secretary.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted via email or postmarked by May 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and resumes may be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Service via Caroline Mitchell, Southern Region Recreation RAC Coordinator, Ouachita National Forest, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 or via email to sm.fs.r8_rrac@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries may be sent to Tiffany Williams, Regional Recreation Fees, Southern Region, USDA Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, by phone (404) 576-1024 or via email sm.fs.r8_rrac@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (Pub. L. No.108-447) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. 10), notice is

hereby given the Secretary of Agriculture's intent to solicit members. Additional information on the Southern Region Recreation RAC can be found by visiting the committee website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r8/recreation/racs>.

Southern Region Recreation RAC Membership

The Southern Region Recreation RAC will be comprised of 11 members approved by the Secretary of Agriculture where each will serve a two- or three-year term. Memberships shall include representation from the following interest areas:

1. Five persons who represent:
 - a. Winter motorized such as snowmobiling;
 - b. Winter non-motorized such cross-country skiing and snowshoeing;
 - c. Summer motorized recreation such as motorcycling, boating, and off-highway vehicle driving;
 - d. Summer nonmotorized recreation such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, and rafting; and
 - e. Hunting and fishing.
2. Three persons who represent:
 - a. Motorized outfitters and guides;
 - b. Non-motorized outfitters and guides; and
 - c. Local environmental groups.
3. Three persons who represent:
 - a. State tourism official representing the State;
 - b. A representative of affected Indian tribes; and
 - c. A representative of affected local government interests.

Membership Nomination Information

The appointment of members to the Southern Region Recreation RAC will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture, or their designee. Any interested person or organization may

nominate qualified individuals for membership. Interested candidates may nominate themselves. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership on the committee must submit a nomination with information, including a background disclosure form (Form AD-755; <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>). Nominations should be typed and include the following:

1. If nominating an individual, a brief summary, no more than two pages, explaining the nominee's qualifications to serve on the committee and addressing the membership composition and criteria described above.
2. A resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications.
3. A completed background disclosure form (Form AD-755) signed by the nominee.
4. Letters of endorsement are optional.

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Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the committee have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the

extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and person with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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