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Subject: Secure Rural Schools Payments - Annual Elections
Attachments: 2012 SRS vs 25% workbook.xlsx; WA Counties SRS Projection.xls
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

As you may have heard, Congress authorized a one year extension of the Secure Rural Schools program at 95% of last year's funding level. Your county is a recipient of these funds, and will need to make some decisions about that funding.

The one year reauthorization contains new reporting requirements which you need to be aware of. First, you are asked to "elect" whether you wish to receive an SRS payment or to receive funds from actual receipts on your particular national forest. If you do not "elect" to receive the SRS payment you will have been "deemed" to have chosen to receive the SRS payment. A spreadsheet is attached showing your county's estimated payments under both scenarios.

In addition, every county which receives more than \$100,000 in SRS funds must "elect" (allocate) your Title II (RAC Funds) and Title III (County Special Funds) percentages. Failure to make this allocation decision will result in the withholding of 20% of the Total County payment which will be sent to the appropriate Federal Land Management Department Secretary for their project purposes, without a RAC process. Attached to this e-mail is a spreadsheet with an estimate of each county's 2012 SRS payment which is important in making your Title II and III election decisions.

As in years past, WSAC is collecting this election information from each eligible county. Unlike previous processes, the new bill requires the Governor of each state to report this information to the U.S. Forest Service. WSAC is working with Governor Gregoire's office to ensure that this information is collected and reported. Because of this additional step in the process, and the late date of the reauthorization, we are on an even shorter timeline than in the past.

I need your county election information by Friday, September 7th. Typically this is accomplished in the form of an official resolution adopted by the Council or Board. Please work with your Council or Board to schedule time for this

action to take place. I have copies of each county's resolution from last year, and can assist you in the election process if needed.

There is additional information that will assist your county in making these election decisions at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/pts/home> I would encourage everyone to visit this website.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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