

National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition
Resolution # 04-08

Purpose: Designating 15% to 20% of the Safety Net Full Payment
Amount to be Allocated to Local Projects

Whereas forest counties having United States National Forests within their boundaries have received Forest Reserve payments for roads and schools under the terms of the Agricultural Reapportionment Act of 1908; and

Whereas these receipts were a regular but cyclical source of revenue for schools and counties during most of the last century; and

Whereas federal land policies during the past decade have shifted away from multiple use land management; and

Whereas Congress has recognized that these policy shifts have negatively impacted local communities and the health of our National Forests; and

Whereas Congress has passed HR 2389 which seeks to reconnect local communities with decisions made on their national forests and invest in improving the health of our forests and watersheds; and

Whereas HR2389 makes provisions for safety net payments to counties for up to six years with either 15% to 20% of these funds being allocated to projects which would enhance the health and safety of US National Forests.

Be it therefore resolved that Caribou County, which has elected to receive safety net payment under the provisions of HR 2389, hereby designates 15% (15% to 20%) of its safety net payments to be allocated to Title II or Title III projects under this legislation; and

Be it further resolved that this election be communicated to the governor by September 30, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that this action be communicated to all jurisdictions in this county which receive Forest Reserve payments.

Signed: Bruce M Dudge Date: 8-23-04