

## 2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2021

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

73549

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

10/17/2019

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/17/2021

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343, PL 112-141 and as amended Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 PL. 115-334.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates

0

No Meetings

### 17b. Closed

0

### 17c. Partially Closed

0

### Other Activities

0

### 17d. Total

0

### 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

Current FY Next FY  
\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three categories. The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Throughout its existence, this committee generally has met 1 time per year or every 2 years as needed to perform its duties. This relevant pre-work is sent out to members prior to the meeting so that the RAC can efficiently conduct its business in a 2.5 - 3.5 hour meeting.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and prioritized recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A

**21. Remarks**

The Central Montana RAC did not meet in FY2020. The committee had planned to meet in the Spring of 2020, but this meeting had to be canceled due the Covid-19 Pandemic. The RAC will commence meeting and conducting business in December 2020.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Sara Mayben Deputy Forest Supervisor, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Amundson, Donald	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Archeology and History	Representative Member
Aune, Chris	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Affected Public at Large	Representative Member
Becker, Mary	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Developed Rec. ....	Representative Member
Blue Earth, Shirley	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	American Indian Tribes	Representative Member
Dahlhausen, Clinton	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Federal grazing permit, other land use permit .....	Representative Member
Deichmann-Sampsel, Dawnita	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Developed Rec. ....	Representative Member
Hammer, Robert	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Wildife/Hunting organizations	Representative Member
Hill, C. Beth	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Nationally recognized environmental group	Representative Member
Huges, Gerald "Tucker"	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	County or local elected office	Representative Member
McDonald, Cody	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Rowland, Dean	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Commercial Timber Industry	Representative Member
Sampsel, John	08/08/2017	08/08/2021	Federal grazing permit, other land use permit .....	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 12**

**Narrative Description**

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making

- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

Improved collaboration and accomplishment with county and private stakeholders for the stewardship of H-LCNF lands within the involved counties.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

This RAC has focused on collaborating on recommending projects that are accomplished using Title II funds. We do not have the ability to accurately quantify cost savings.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

36

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC did not meet in FY20 so there were no new recommendations FY20. .

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

In previous years there had been a total of 36 recommendations. All of the recommended projects have been completed

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

All projects that have been recommended by this RAC have been fully implemented.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official and the RAC Coordinator are accessible to provide information to the committee on progress on recommended projects. Additionally Forest employees that engage in implementing specific projects often interact with members of RAC or other interested publics as these projects are implemented.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**