

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Deschutes and Ochoco Resource
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

70504

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/19/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/19/2025

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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 No

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

0

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$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
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	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 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?

Depending on Congressional allocations, the committee strives to meet once yearly to make recommendations for allocated funds.

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 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?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

RAC meeting was held on September 12th and 13th, 2024 at the Deschutes National Forest Supervisor's Office in Bend, Oregon. The RAC recommended 11 projects for SRS Title 2 funding. The RAC also elected a new chairperson and agreed upon a 1% administrative rate.

Designated Federal Officer

Kevin Larkin Deputy Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ayotte, Rika	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category B: Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations	Representative Member
Barney, Brian	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category C: County or local-elected office	Representative Member
Betz, Frederick	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category B: Dispersed recreational activities	Representative Member
Chipko, Kathryn	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category C: Area school officials or teachers	Representative Member
FitzHenry, Thad	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category A: Energy and mineral development or commercial or recreational fishing groups	Representative Member
Hussey, Stephen	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category B: Archaeology and History	Representative Member

Johnson, Jana	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	A: Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users or commercial recreation activities	Representative Member
Kilcullen, Erin	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category A: Federal grazing permits or other land use permits or representative of non-industrial private forest landowners, within the area for which the committee is organized	Representative Member
Letz, Jennifer	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category C: County or local-elected office	Representative Member
Morman, David	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category C: Affected public-at-large	Representative Member
Rybel, Vince	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category B: Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and Burro interest, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations	Representative Member
Sanner, Carol	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category B: Nationally recognized environmental organizations	Representative Member
Wellington, Monica	01/11/2024	01/10/2028	Category A: Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users or commercial recreation activities.	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not applicable.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not applicable.

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

227

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC recommended 11 new projects for SRS Title 2 funding in FY24.

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

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

216 projects have been fully implemented. "Implemented" is defined as funding being allocated to a project.

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

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The 4.85% represents the 11 projects recommended by the Deschutes-Ochoco RAC during their September 12-13, 2024 meeting. To date, these projects have not been allocated funding.

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 regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 16

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 11

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$440,060

Grant Review Comments

\$336,130 of funding allocated to RAC recommended projects on Deschutes NF and \$77,930 recommended to Ochoco National Forest Projects.

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A