

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

70504

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

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

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

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

	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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$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 did not meet or make recommendations in FY2018.

Designated Federal Officer

John P. Allen Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Avila Choquez, Kathya	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Fisher, Melanie	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Cog Wild bicycle Tours	Representative Member
Kinzer, Paula	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	3 Degrees Inc. Art of Construction Inc.	Representative Member
Miller, Marilyn	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Miller Conservation Consulting	Representative Member
Perry, Patrick	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Wheeler County	Representative Member
Romero, Raymond	07/21/2014	07/21/2018	Recreationalist	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

RAC did not meet in FY2018. The RAC met and made recommendations in FY2016 and the agency continued to fund projects that were funded partially in the first round of funding and were able to receive additional allocations in the second round of funding with 17-18 money.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

102 recommendations 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

13 recommendations in progress; multi-year projects.

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 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

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

not applicable.

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