

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Agriculture		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee		73564	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/21/2016	06/21/2018	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority	Statutory (Congress Created)		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.	10/03/2008	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee	Other Committee		
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings	0	0	0

	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	\$7,200.00
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	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$8,200.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.10

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?

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year or as needed to perform its duties.

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

There was no activity in FY2018 as there has not been Congressional reauthorization of

the SRS Act and the charter expired. .

Designated Federal Officer

Kerwin Dewberry Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Mouras, Theodore	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Quigley, Michael	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	Director - Arizona State, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
Shilling, Mikel	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	President - Green Valley Council	Representative Member
Webber, Edith	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	Resident	Representative Member
Yubeta, Joseph	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	American Indian Tribal Member	Representative Member
Zugmeyer, Claire	05/23/2016	05/23/2020	Ecologist - Sonoran Institute	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Good working relationship between the RAC members and the Forest staff. Forest Service receives compliments from Committee members regarding the productive meetings and the projects being completed.

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?

44

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations for FY2018.

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

55%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

24 recommendations have been completed.

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

7%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

15 recommendations were made in 2016. Three projects have begun implementation; recommendations are 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 reports to the committee on whether recommended project 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, and/or monitoring discussions.

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

Action Comments

Not applicable.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval	78
What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval	44
What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval	\$2,723,910

Grant Review Comments

The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, when approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work.

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

Access Comments

Not applicable.