

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

73580

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

Not Applicable

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 1 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 1

Purpose

This was a public meeting to allow the RAC committee to make funding and project recommendations to the Forest Supervisor as part of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act.

Start

04/12/2019

End

04/12/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$15,500.00	\$22,000.00
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	\$175.00
18d. Total	\$15,500.00	\$22,175.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.15	0.20

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 improve collaborative relations and 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 time per year as needed to perform its duties.

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

This Resource Advisory Committee is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC met on April 12, 2019 and recommended projects for FY17 and FY18 funding.

Designated Federal Officer

JoBeth Brown Public Affairs Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Maggie	09/29/2015	09/29/2019	Director – Tourism and Economic Development, County Of Bath	Representative Member
Bell, Sara	09/13/2016	09/30/2020	Member – Highlands Chapter of Archaeological Society of Virginia	Representative Member
Burnett, Carolyn	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Member – Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) Allegheny Board of Commissioners	Representative Member
Clark, Stephanie	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Member – Chamber Board	Representative Member
Cutler, Malcolm "Rupert"	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Resident	Representative Member
Ford, Ellen	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owner	Representative Member
Laysler, Rick	07/13/2016	07/13/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Miller, Mark	09/13/2016	09/30/2020	Field Director – Virginia Wilderness Committee; Board Member – Rockbridge Area Conservation Council; Board Member – Virginia Forest Watch	Representative Member
Rhea, Robert	07/13/2016	07/13/2020	Resident	Representative Member
Ripley, Sharon	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Scott, Chris	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Other Land Use Permittee	Representative Member
Smith, Marek	09/13/2016	10/04/2018	Director – Allegheny Highlands, The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Stephenson, Tammy	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	YMCA - Various Roles	Representative Member
Tinsley, Marvin	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Forester/President – Mount Pleasant Forestry, LLC	Representative Member
Trumbo, Marion "Bo"	09/13/2016	09/13/2020	Assistant Principal – Craig County High School	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

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?

44

Number of Recommendations Comments

RAC made 4 recommendations in FY19.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

56%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

22 recommendations have been completed.

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

44%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

17 recommendations are in progress; these 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 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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Not applicable.

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

Yes

What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants reviewed for approval	62
What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants recommended for approval	38
What is the estimated <u>Dollar Value</u> of grants recommended for approval	\$760,358

Grant Review Comments

The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work. RAC project proposals are often, but not always, in the form of grant requests.

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

Not applicable.