

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sanders Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sanders Resource Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee

No.

70482

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

### 5. Current Charter

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

No

12/19/2023 12/19/2025

### 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

### 14. Committee Type

### 14c. Presidential?

10/03/2009 Continuing No

### 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open

### 17b. Closed

### 17c. Partially Closed

### Other Activities

### 17d. Total

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$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 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 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties.

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

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, previously established under Public Law 106-393 and entered in the FACA database as Sanders County RAC, a subcommittee of 11979. The RAC was reauthorized under Public Law 110-28, 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 committee had 1 meeting in FY 2023 to provide project updates to committee members and recommended 12 projects for FY 2021 funds.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Abigail Lane District Ranger, Plains/Thompson Falls

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Brown, Robert	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	General Contractor	Representative Member
Errecart, John	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Feist, Don	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Retired Soil Scientist	Representative Member
Hanson, Gregory	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	CEO - CFVH	Representative Member
Hojem, Randy	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Lilly, Michael	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Forester - IFG	Representative Member
Matthew, Kim	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Stone Mason	Representative Member
McCarthy, Colleen	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Meredith, Kevin	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Plains HS Principal	Representative Member
Sheets, Karen	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Warren, Ron	01/21/2020	01/21/2024	Surveyor	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

## **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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input 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?**

234

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

12 additional projects were recommended in FY 2023. The recommendation meeting took place in December 2022.

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

97%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

228 recommendations have been completed.

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

3%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

6 out of 234 recommendations are partially or nearly completed in FY 2023.

**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             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input checked="" 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               | <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.