

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sitka Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sitka Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

70436

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 12/03/2018 12/03/2020

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? 10b. Legislation Pending?

Continue Not Applicable 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 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

10/03/2008 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports 16b. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 17d. Total Meetings and Dates

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	\$2,062.00
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.)	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
18d. Total	\$1,500.00	\$4,062.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00

2.00

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, or as often as needed. RAC did not meet in FY 2019.

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

No RAC meetings in FY2019, as we did not hold quorum.

Designated Federal Officer

J. Perry Edwards District Ranger, Sitka Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Blain	04/20/2016	04/20/2020	Owner - Sound Sailing; Recreationalist	Representative Member
Harris, Scott	12/21/2010	12/21/2018	Conservation Solutions Coordinator	Representative Member
Kreiss-Tomkins, Jonathan	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	State Legislator	Representative Member
Lucas, Karen	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Secondary Teacher – Port Alexander Historical Society & Museum and Cape Decision Lighthouse (non-profit)	Representative Member
Martin, Jon	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Retired - Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Heritage, and Wilderness Staff Officer, U.S. Forest Service; Recreationalist	Representative Member
Miyasato, Jr., Chester	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Tribal Member	Representative Member
Paustian, Steve	03/10/2016	03/10/2020	Retired - Hydrologist, U.S. Forest Service	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

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

Recreation improvements, access improvements, hunting and wildlife habitat

improvement, watershed improvement.

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?

32

Number of Recommendations Comments

0 new projects proposed in 2019.

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

41%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

13 recommendations are completed.

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

59%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

19 recommendations are in progress.

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 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	0
What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval	0
What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval	\$0

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. Previously in 2017, 6 grants were involved from our projects stemming from 2017. The committee did not recommend any new grants for approval, since there were 0 meetings held in 2018 and 2019.

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
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other

Access Comments

Not applicable.