

## 2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sitka Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2022

### 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 10/17/2019 10/17/2021

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

### 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

10/03/2008 Continuing No

### 14c. Presidential?

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

### 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, or as often as needed. RAC did not meet in FY 2019. RAC did not meet in FY2020. RAC did not meet in FY2021.

**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**

Agency requested merger in FY21 for the Sitka Resource Advisory Committee, Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee, Juneau Resource Advisory Committee, and Lynn Canal-Icy Strait Resource Advisory Committee to form the North Tongass Resource Advisory Committee.

**Designated Federal Officer**

J. Perry Edwards District Ranger, Sitka Ranger District

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Allen, Marian	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Bloom, Arthur	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Brandon, Lynne	05/04/2021	10/15/2021	Sitka Trailworks	Representative Member
Clark, Ben	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Sitka Schools	Representative Member
Gordon, David	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Hazel, Vaughn	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Kirkness, Jacob	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Employed	Representative Member
Knox, Kevin	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	City official	Representative Member
Kreiss-Tompkins, Jonathan	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	State official	Representative Member
Lucas, Karen	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Sitka Schools	Representative Member
Martin, Jon	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Paustian, Steve	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Self Employed	Representative Member
Peterson, Willoughby	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	Representative Member
Poulson, James	05/04/2021	10/17/2021	Employed	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **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 2020. 0 new projects proposed in 2021.

**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**

**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.