

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southern Region Recreation Resource
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

33535

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/25/2023 01/25/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Federal Lands Recreation
Enhancement Act, P.L.
108

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

Federal Lands Recreation
Enhancement Act, P.L.
108-447, Section 804

13. Effective Date

12/08/2004

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

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

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	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The responsibility of this committee is to provide recommendations to the Forest Service and BLM consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. Specifically, this committee provides recommendations on matters including, but not limited to: the implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site; the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; the expansion or limitation

of the recreation fee program; the implementation or elimination of noncommercial, individual special recreation permit fees; and the implementation of fee-level changes (increases or decreases).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three membership groups. These groups include persons who represent: summer motorized recreation; winter motorized recreation; summer non-motorized recreation; winter non-motorized recreation; hunting and fishing; motorized outfitters and guides; non-motorized outfitters and guides; local environmental groups; a state tourism official; representative of affected Indian tribes; and representative of affected local governments.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The RAC will meet 1-4 times annually or as needed to perform its duties. Each meeting is relevant in that they both broaden our collaborative relationships and they enable the Recreation RAC to provide recommendations on fee proposals.

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

Advice of the committee is not available from other sources because the Recreation Enhancement Act requires that Recreation Resource Advisory Committees be formed to provide recommendations, which the Secretary of Agriculture may accept or reject, on fee proposals.

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 meeting activity in FY23 for the Southern Region Recreation RAC. Costs reported in FY23 are associated with recruiting Recreation RAC members.

Designated Federal Officer

Michelle Mitchell Director for Recreation, Heritage, Wilderness, and Volunteer & Services

Narrative Description

The Recreation RAC supports the Forest Service mission by providing recommendations on recreation fees, which contribute to the sustainability of the Nation's forests and grasslands.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

n/a

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

The purpose of the committee does not relate to any cost saving measures.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

299

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations for FY2023.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All recommendations have been completed.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

n/a

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback on previous recommendations occurs in subsequent meetings as requested.
Feedback may include visitor compliance, accomplishments, revenue generated, etc.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

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

No

Grant Review Comments

n/a

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.