

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Alabama Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Alabama Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

2548

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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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?
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10/03/2008 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

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

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 purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is 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.

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?

Meetings are open to the public with an opportunity to provide comments..

21. Remarks

The Alabama Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) did not meet during FY 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Tammy Freeman Brown Public Affairs Staff Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Benefield, Matt	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Senior Quality Engineer	Representative Member
Brannon, Zachery	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	County Extension Coordinator	Representative Member
Farid, Rashidah	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Wildlife Ecologist	Representative Member
Gauldin, W.	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Wildlife Section Chief	Representative Member
Henshaw, Michael	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Hudson, Cedric	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Perry County Commissioner	Representative Member
Jones, Tina	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Professor/Dean Educational Outreach	Representative Member
Keener, Brian	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Associate Professor	Representative Member
Mathews, Debby	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	County Extension Coordinator	Representative Member
Miranda, Laurantisa	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Executive Director - University of Alabama Center for Economic Development	Representative Member
Nalty Jr., Frank	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Private Forest Landowner	Representative Member
Newton, Steven	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Mechanical Engineer	Representative Member
Quinn, Debra	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	Chairman - Alabama Trails Commission	Representative Member
Simmons-Raney, Renee	05/07/2021	05/06/2025	State Park Superintendent	Representative Member

Tassin, Keith 05/07/2021 05/06/2025 Director -
Terrestrial Representative
Conservation, Member
The Nature
Conservancy

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 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 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?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

To date, during the life of the committee, there's a total of 9 recommended projects the Forest Supervisor has approved. There were no new recommendations in FY 2024. Proposals that were approved have been implemented and money has been obligated through agreements

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 are fully implemented.

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

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 type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input 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