

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Prince William Sound Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

70439

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/19/2023 12/19/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

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

The SRS and Community
Self-Determination Act as
reauthorized in PL 110-343
and PL 112-141.

13. Effective Date

10/03/2008 Continuing

14. Committee Type

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

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 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?

Generally, the committee may 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?

This Resource Advisory Committee is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in 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

In FY23, the Prince William RAC did not meet.

Designated Federal Officer

Steven Namitz District Ranger, Cordova Ranger

District

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Greenwood, Samantha | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Public Works Director | Representative Member |
| Hodges, James | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Fisheries Biologist (Retiree) | Representative Member |
| Johnson, Brooke | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Cultural Director | Representative Member |
| Miller, Jon | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Self-employed Carpenter | Representative Member |
| Pomplum, James | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Board Member | Representative Member |
| Ranney, Steve | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Permit Holder | Representative Member |
| Ranney, Wendy | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | School Official | Representative Member |
| Schaefer, Anne | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | City Council Member | Representative Member |
| Senear, Elizabeth | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Bookkeeper | Representative Member |
| Shidner, Cynthia | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Teacher | Representative Member |
| Solberg, Dustin | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Communications Lead | Representative Member |
| Verna, Danielle | 03/25/2021 | 03/25/2025 | Environmental Scientist, PhD Student | Representative Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The Committee was established for two purposes: (1) to improve collaborative relationships among the people who use and care for the National Forests and the Forest Service, which manages the lands; and(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service in identifying and implementing broadly supported land management projects that maintain existing infrastructure, enhance

forest ecosystems, and improve land health and water quality. The RAC directly supports the agency's mission goal for ecosystem health: to Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the Nation's forests, grasslands, and watersheds. 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 checked="" 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"/> |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| \$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?

104

Number of Recommendations Comments

0 projects were recommended in FY23. Total recommendations for the life of the committee = 104 (changed from 109 to 104 per RACs comments)

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

77%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

80 projects have been fully implemented.

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

23%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

24 projects are partially implemented.

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 RAC Coordinator 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 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 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