

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Agriculture		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee		76841	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/10/2014		
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Merge	No	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority		13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type
The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.		06/30/1905	Continuing No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
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	\$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 was 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?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year 1-4. Total Meetings less than 4, or as often as needed to accomplish duties of the committee.

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

The Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee 76841 and Hiawatha West Resource Advisory Committee 71991 merged to form Hiawatha Resource Advisory Committee 2588.

Designated Federal Officer

Robert West District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Clark, Eric	08/27/2015	08/27/2019	Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Representative Member
Malloy, Marcia	08/27/2015	08/27/2019	K-12 Education	Representative Member
Marra, Nathan	08/27/2015	08/27/2019	Probation Officer	Representative Member
Perron, Wanda	08/27/2015	08/27/2019	Retired Historian and THPO	Representative Member
Radka, Chad	08/27/2015	08/27/2019	Louisiana Pacific	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 5

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

Not Applicable

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?

20

Number of Recommendations Comments

14 recommendations from previous years, plus 6 new recommendations in FY16 for a total of 20 recommendations. 1 past recommendation and 0 FY16 recommendations have not been completed at this time.

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

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

19 recommendations have been completed.

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

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

1 recommendation has not been funded.

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

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.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval	7
What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval	6
What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval	\$72,500

Grant Review Comments

The Forest Service reviews projects recommended by the RAC and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work. RAC project proposals, once approved by the Forest Service, may be implemented through purchases, contracts, grants, agreements or by Forest Service employees. The RAC reviewed three proposals this year and recommended two of them, both were approved by the DFO. All project reviews were finalized and recommendations were made that are expected to utilize all funding available.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Not applicable.