

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Agriculture		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Forest Resource Coordinating Committee		42940	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/16/2015	07/16/2017	
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?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Section 8005 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-246)	12/22/2008	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 the Committee is to provide direction and coordination of actions within the USDA to effectively address the national priorities with specific focus on owners of non-industrial private forest land that are conserving and managing working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses, protecting forests from threats and enhancing public benefits from private forests. To accomplish this purpose the Committee had two face-to-face meetings and monthly conference calls to gain additional information to develop recommendations. During these meetings educational presentations inform the Committee of the issues and opportunities surrounding private forest landowners.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee will consist of no more than 20 members. Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies will be followed in all appointments to the committee.

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

Committee is required to meet annually, but may meet as often as necessary to complete its business. The meetings pull together the diverse array of ideas, creating integrated solutions for national issues.

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

The Secretary has determined that the work of the Committee is in the public interest and relevant to the duties of the Department of Agriculture. This group continually works in sync to address national issues that various singular thought groups may not be able to accomplish.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The FRCC Charter expired in July 2017. This prevents members from officially meeting and making decisions. It is not anticipated that the Charter will be renewed in FY19.

Designated Federal Officer

Margaret Haines Natural Resource Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Chahim, Leda	12/19/2012	04/04/2019	Forterra Northwest	Representative Member
Christiansen, Victoria (Vicki)	12/08/2011	01/01/2020	Forest Service - Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry	Ex Officio Member
Gourd, Charles	04/04/2016	04/04/2019	Tribal Representative	Representative Member
Hoge, David	12/08/2011	01/01/2020	Farm Service Agency	Ex Officio Member
Huffaker, Wellington (Buddy)	12/18/2014	12/18/2017	Aldo Leopold Foundation	Representative Member
Hulka, Bryan	12/18/2014	12/18/2017	Weyerhaeuser Company	Representative Member
Lester, Michael	12/18/2014	12/18/2017	Colorado State Forest Service	Representative Member
Myers, Gordon	04/04/2016	04/04/2019	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission	Representative Member
Padley, Eunice	04/12/2012	04/12/2020	Natural Resources Conservation Services	Ex Officio Member
Perreault, Tammie	12/19/2012	04/04/2019	Two Cats Timber	Representative Member
Ring, Bettina	12/19/2012	12/18/2017	Virginia Department of Forestry	Representative Member
Sinclair, Steve	12/19/2012	12/18/2017	State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation	Representative Member
Stine, Bonnie	12/19/2012	12/18/2017	Florida Department of Ag and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry	Representative Member
Tupas, Louie	04/12/2012	04/12/2020	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Ex Officio Member
Walkingstick, Tamara	12/18/2014	12/18/2017	University of Arkansas	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The committee is to provide direction and coordination of actions within the USDA, and coordination with State agencies and private sector, to effectively address the national priorities for private forest conservation.

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 checked="" 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

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| 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?

17

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee developed and approved five recommendations for the 2018 Farm Bill, and three compiled recommendations to the Secretary to address his priority areas.

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

18%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

2 recommendations have been implemented by the Forest Service.

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

76%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

7 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

Leadership in State and Private Forestry, including the Deputy Chief, Director, and DFO, have all participated in discussions with the Committee about their recommendations, in person and during conference calls. In 2016 and part of 2017 the Committee held information listening sessions with key partners to better understand the issues. In 2017 the Committee developed and approved eight recommendations based on the public input and collaboration with the USDA Federal Agencies - Forest Service FS, Farm Services Agency, FSA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, NIFA, and Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Committee is currently developing outreach strategies to engage and garner support for their recommendations from federal and state agencies, non-government organizations and academia. They are scheduling meetings with Forest Service leadership, the Department and Secretary. They are working to set up meetings with the other Federal member's leadership.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

This Committee does not have grant review responsibilities.

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

Once the Forest Service has reviewed the Farm Bill recommendations and the annual recommendations have been submitted to the Secretary, they will be posted to the website.