

2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2022

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Forest Resource Coordinating
Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

42940

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

07/16/2015

6. Expected Renewal Date

07/16/2017

7. Expected Term Date

No

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 8005 of the Food,
Conservation, and Energy
Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No.
110-246)

13. Effective Date

12/22/2008

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	Next
	FY	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 Committee is administratively inactive. 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 FY20. Forest Service recommended to Secretary for Congress to

consider termination for the FRCC.

Designated Federal Officer

Margaret Haines Natural Resource Specialist

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
- 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

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?

17

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations as the committee is administratively inactive.

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

22%

% 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?

78%

% 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

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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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.