

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Forest Resource Coordinating Committee

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

## 2. Fiscal Year

2025

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Forest Resource Coordinating  
Committee

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

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 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 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

12/22/2008 Continuing No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 17b. Closed 17c. Partially Closed 17d. Total

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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	<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

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

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



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.