

## 2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2021

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

70484

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

10/17/2019

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/17/2021

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

### 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

SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343, PL 112-141 and as amended Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 PL. 115-334.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2009

### 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 Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

### 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

Current FY Next FY

\$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

<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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</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 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?**

The committee generally will 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 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 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

Two half-day meetings were held virtually on June 1 and June 4, 2020.

### Designated Federal Officer

Cheri Ford Forest Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barbachano, M.	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Superintendent/Principal	Representative Member
Brandon, Joseph	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Program Director	Representative Member
Brunsvold, Ed	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Retired	Representative Member
Connor, Maureen	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Grant Writer	Representative Member
Durglo, Jim	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Fire Technical Specialist, Contractor	Representative Member
Flynn, Stephen	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Forestry Consultant	Representative Member
Hamming, Carl	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Planning Director	Representative Member
Krueger, David	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Forester	Representative Member
Laitala, Karen	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	County Weed Coordinator	Representative Member
McLeod, C.	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Retired	Representative Member
Porter, Karen	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Retired	Representative Member
Sager, Daniel	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Schillhammer, Britta	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Homemaker	Representative Member
Strong, Murray	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Senior Scientist	Representative Member
Van Dyk, Jane	08/29/2019	08/29/2023	Retired	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### 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	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input 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
- 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?**

115

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

17 recommendations made by the committee in FY20. History: FY 18 Allocation was \$168,261.27 and FY17 Allocation was \$194,378.

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

83%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

95 projects have been completed known to date.

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

17%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

20 recommendations 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**

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 type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input 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**

Not applicable.

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 0

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 0

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$0

**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  
Online GSA FACA Web Site  
Publications  
Other



**Access Comments**

Not applicable.