

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Ravalli Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

70481

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 12/19/2023 12/19/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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

14. Committee Type

10/03/2008 Continuing No

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0

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 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, or as often as needed. FY22 Meeting was held on June 8th, 2022 Virtually. Public Comment period was advertised with no comments received. FY23 Meeting was held 2/22/2023 in both virtual and in person environment. No public comment was received. FY24 Meeting is projected to be held in Feb 2024, with a new DFO due to retirement of current DFO `12/30/23.

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

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, previously established under Public Law 106-393 and entered in the FACA database as Ravalli County RAC, a subcommittee of 11979. The RAC was reauthorized under Public Law 110-28, Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141..

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC held one meeting in FY23 on Feb. 22, 2023 to make recommendations on SRS Title 2 funding for projects. Eleven Projects were submitted, all by members of the public, and 7 were recommended for funding. Prior year, the meeting was held on June 8th 2022 for FY22 Funding proposals and made recommendations for Title II project funding proposals in FY22. No Rec fees were brought forward for consideration in either year. None are anticipated in FY24 either.

Designated Federal Officer

Abbie Jossie District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blankenbaker, Tyler	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Farmer	Representative Member
Booth, Mark	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Public at Large	Representative Member
Burrows, Jeff	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Christopherson, Dalton	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Federal Grazing Permit Holder	Representative Member
Gale, Debra	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Recreation	Representative Member
Hoefler, Skyler	01/27/2021	01/27/2025	Forester	Representative Member

Hoyt, Michael	01/26/2021	01/26/2025	Author, outdoor recreationist	Representative Member
Hunner, Bruce	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Public at Large	Representative Member
Jeffords, Mike	07/07/2015	07/07/2024	Ravalli Off Road Club	Representative Member
Kaiser, Jeff	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Teacher	Representative Member
Moore, William	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Private Forest Land Owner	Representative Member
Ormiston, John	07/07/2015	07/07/2024	Audubon Society	Representative Member
Schmidt, Steve	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Ravalli County Collaborative	Representative Member
Schram, Julie	07/07/2015	07/07/2024	Federal Grazing Permit Holder	Representative Member
Williams, Mary	07/16/2020	07/16/2024	Archeology	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| 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

Not Applicable

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?

165

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were 11 projects submitted for FY23 funds, and 7 were recommended for Funding. Two of the four not recommended, were prioritized and recommended to receive any additional or "turned back" funds if they became available.

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

97%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

160 recommendations are fully implemented.

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

3%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

5 recommendations are partially implemented.

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

Not applicable..

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 11

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 7

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval

\$200,000

Grant Review Comments

The RRAC also prioritized projects in the event additional funds became available. None did.

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 type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.