

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Saguache-Upper Rio Grande Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Saguache-Upper Rio Grande Resource
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2583

4. Is this New 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

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

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

10/03/2008 Continuing No

14.

Committee Type

14c.

Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To review and recommend SRS projects.	02/23/2021	- 02/23/2021

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$2,984.00	\$1,000.00
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	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$2,984.00	\$1,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.01	0.01

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

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

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

The 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 and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or

partially closed committee meetings?

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

RAC met and recommended projects in FY21.
Agency requested merger in FY21 for the
Saguache-Upper Rio Grande Resource Advisory
Committee 2583 and Rocky Mountain Resource
Advisory Committee – 84582 merged to form
Greater Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory
Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Martha Williamson District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Jason	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Doyon, Cassandra	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Timber Company	Representative Member
Jones, David	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Retired Electrical Engineer living in Rio Grande County	Representative Member
Mach, Julie	06/22/2017	12/22/2022	Colorado Mountain Club Employee	Representative Member
Maez, Michael	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Commercial Firewood Company	Representative Member
McClure, Randall	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Geologist, Member of Mining Museum	Representative Member
Reesor, Emma	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Director of Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project	Representative Member
Rutland, Durward	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Pastor, San Juan Mountain Ranch	Representative Member
Thompson, Donald	06/22/2017	06/22/2021	San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council	Representative Member
Tichy, Thomas	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Public School Principal	Representative Member
Wagner, Sandra	06/22/2017	12/21/2022	Author, Historic Book	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

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 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

Not Applicable

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
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

84

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC met on 2/23/21. 28 projects were recommended. Not all projects will be implemented this year.

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

52%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The majority of projects recommended in 2019 have been completed. 11 of the 28 projects recommended in 2021 have been completed. The remainder of projects recommended in both years are planned to be implemented by the end of FY22.

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

48%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Job codes have been created for all projects. Some projects have not yet completed the agreements/contracts process. It is anticipated that those processes will be done in 2021 and implementation work will be completed in 2022.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

All 2019 and 2020 recommendations were approved by the DFO/Forest Supervisor by way of a signed letter provided to all RAC members. Project proponents have reported they are into the process and have plans to complete the projects by the end of the 2022 field season.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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

No

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	<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