

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

70506

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/19/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/19/2025

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

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

RS 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

2

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Recommendations for SRS Title II FY21-23 funds	11/07/2024	11/07/2024
Recommendations for SRS Title II FY21-23 funds	12/02/2024	12/02/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$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 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 meets 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?

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?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not meet in FY24.

Designated Federal Officer

Meta Loftsgaarden Forest Supervisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brogdon, Mary Grace	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Local conservation group volunteer	Representative Member
Brownlee, Alyssa	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Outfitter/Guide Business owner & Permittee	Representative Member
Buch, Heather	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Lane County Commissioner	Representative Member
Davis, Patrick	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Chair of White River Watershed Council	Representative Member
Doctor, Kurt	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Business Owner/Operator	Representative Member
Gourley, Mark	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Forester	Representative Member
Kate-Mason, Melanie	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Horsewoman	Representative Member
Parker, Jeff	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Executive Director, Northwest Youth Corps Cultural Protection	Representative Member
Pouley, Cheryl	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Coordinator for Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Representative Member
Ragan, Richard	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Permittee	Representative Member

Stanton, Katherine	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Environmental Justice Policy Analyst and Engagement Specialist	Representative Member
Vehafric, Frank	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Retired Union Staff Representative	Representative Member
Wilent, Steven	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Natural Resources Instructor	Representative Member
Wolf, Rebecca	07/03/2024	07/03/2028	Retired Dental Hygienist	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

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 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	<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?

821

Number of Recommendations Comments

FY2024: No new recommendations due to no RAC activity. Past years: FY2008: 113 recommendations FY2009: 95 recommendations FY2010: 102 recommendations FY2011: 62 recommendations FY2012: 67 recommendations FY2013: 63 recommendations FY2013: 23 recommendations were not funded due to the reduction of funding that resulted from the effects of sequestration. FY2014: all Title II funds were allocated to the previously approved but unfunded recommendations from FY2013. FY2015: 63 recommendations, with 59 fully or partially approved. FY2016: 82 project submissions with 69 fully or partially approved FY2017: No new recommendations due to no RAC activity FY2018: No new recommendations due to lack of quorum. FY2019: RAC made 27 recommendations on recreation fee proposals for the Willamette National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Additionally, FY17 title II funds were obligated to support projects originally recommended by the RAC in FY15/16. FY2021: 71 recommendations made; all were fully approved. FY2022: No new recommendations due to no RAC activity. FY2023: 5 recommendations.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

821 recommendations are fully implemented.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

None

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 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

Not applicable.

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.