

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Superior Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Superior Resource Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

71996

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

No

### 5. Current Charter

12/19/2023

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

12/19/2025

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was

### Terminated During FiscalYear?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination 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.

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency

### Recommendation for Next FiscalYear

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

10/03/2008

### 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**

3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

**Meetings and Dates**

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of the meeting was to present Resource Advisory Committee members with information on the USDA Forest Service Recreation Fee Programs and request the committee consider hearing and making recommendations on the Superior National Forest Recreation Fee Proposals.	10/01/2024	10/01/2024
The purpose of the meeting was to (1) present the Resource Advisory Committee members with information on the Superior National Forest Recreation Fee Proposals and (2) hold a Resource Advisory Committee vote to recommend or not recommend adoption of the Recreation Fee Proposal to the Superior National Forest for adoption.	10/11/2024	10/11/2024
The purpose of this meeting is to hear from Title II project proponents and discuss Title II project proposals; make funding recommendations on Title II projects; and conduct other business as needed.	07/07/2025	07/07/2025

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3**

	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 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?**

At this date, the committee is comprised of 14 members. The committee has one vacancy in one of the categories; however, the necessary quorum within the category is still met. In total, there are five members in each of two categories and four in one of the 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 once per year as needed to perform its duties. The committee did not meet in FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21 as the committee had made all the necessary recommendations for the remaining SRS funds in FY16. In FY22, the Committee met two (2) times to discuss process and recommend projects for funding to the DFO. The committee did not meet in FY24 due to carrying forward funds for project solicitation in FY25.

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

This Resource Advisory Committee is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141.

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

No meetings were held during this reporting period.

## 21. Remarks

In FY24, the Committee did not meet and did not make any new recommendations. FY24 funds are being carried forward to FY25 during which time recommendations will be made.

## Designated Federal Officer

Ellen Bogardus-Szymaniak District Ranger,  
Superior National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Doo-Kirk, Heidi	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Property owner	Representative Member
Eklund, Rob	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	State Rep	Representative Member
Frahm, Gunnar	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Student, UM-Duluth	Representative Member
Gilbertson, Ken	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	University of MN Duluth	Representative Member
Goutermont, Rick	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Igoa, Ada	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Owner, Tuscarora Lodge	Representative Member
McDonald, Paul	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Ongaro, Frank	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Mining Minnesota	Representative Member
Parma, Jim	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Bell Timber Inc	Representative Member
Rom, Becky	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Save the Boundary Waters Campaign	Representative Member
Sorenson, Greg	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	MN United Snowmobiler Association	Representative Member
Swingen, Morgan	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	1854 Treaty Authority	Representative Member
Thompson, Molly	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Sugarloaf	Representative Member
Trexel, Dawn	10/21/2021	10/21/2025	Summer Work Outreach Project	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 checked="" 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 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	<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?**

60

### Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY24, there were 0 project recommendations made.

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

95%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

57 recommendations are fully implemented.

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

5%

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

3 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 agency provides feedback to the committee, and vice versa, via email, in-person communication, and during meetings. The public can obtain information on agency feedback by reaching out to the DFO, the RAC coordinator, and by accessing meeting notes.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

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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 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

No grant applications were solicited for committee review and recommendation in FY23.

### 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.