

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

70485

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

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

### 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

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

### 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 Meetings and Dates

0

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	\$12,000.00
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

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.30

**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 will meet 1-4 times per year or 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 Idaho Panhandle RAC did not meet in 2018 due to late reauthorization and pending

charter renewal.

### Designated Federal Officer

Jeanne Higgins Forest Supervisor, Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Casile, Almer	07/23/2015	07/23/2019	Lake City Trailbuilders Association	Representative Member
Coles, Colin	06/12/2017	07/23/2019	Public At Large	Representative Member
Connolly, Jeff	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	City Council	Representative Member
Harper, Alan	07/23/2015	07/23/2019	Forester	Representative Member
Hough, Philip	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Friends of Scotchman Peaks	Representative Member
Klaw, David	07/23/2015	07/23/2019	Retired - Weed control manager	Representative Member
Marshall, Leslie	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Affected Public at Large	Representative Member
Mello, Benjamin	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	egionally or Locally Recognized Environmental Organizations	Representative Member
Merrill, Mary	07/23/2015	07/23/2019	Water System Lease Holder	Representative Member
Mueller, Timothy	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Commercial Timber Industry	Representative Member
Short, Edward	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Energy and mineral development interests; or commercial or recreational fishing interests	Representative Member
Smith, Bradley	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Idaho Conservation League	Representative Member
Widman, Donald	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Retired - Educator	Representative Member
Wolf, Laura	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Wildlife Biologist - Idaho Fish and Game	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



- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**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?**

173

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

FY2018 - No new 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**

All recommendations have been completed.

**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**

All recommendations have been completed.

**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**

**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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**