

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

7246

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date**

No 05/27/2015 05/27/2017

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Departmental
Regulation 1043-37

8c. Actual Term Date

05/27/2017

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Departmental Regulation
1043-37

13. Effective Date

09/12/1996

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 2

16b. Report Date Report Title

01/25/2017 Eastern Washginton Cascades
Provincial Advisory Committee
Meeting notes for the Jan. 25, 2017
meeting

Eastern Washington Cascades
 Provincial Advisory Committee
 04/19/2017 Meeting notes for the April 19, 2017
 meeting

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To provide updates and seek input from advisory committee members on the following topics: Travel Management Plan status, Outfitter Guide situation, Invasive Weeds Environmental Impact Statement, Twisp River Fire Report, Bighorn Sheep program evaluation, and Sustainable Recreation Recreation Program.	01/25/2017	01/25/2017
Quarterly Provincial Advisory Committee meeting. Topics include updates on advisory committee re-charter status, North Cascades Smokejumper base status, outfitter and guide update, bighorn sheep update, grizzly bear reintroduction update, sustainable recreation pilot project, forest restoration strategy, forest accomplishment report, prescribed fire interactive map, fire preparedness, travel management, and collaborative forest landscape restoration.	04/19/2017	04/19/2017

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	\$14,874.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$541.00	\$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)	\$636.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$16,051.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.08	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Provincial Advisory Committee was formed to advise seven federal agencies concerning implementation decisions and details pertaining to the Northwest Forest Plan (applicable to federal forests in Western Washington, Oregon and Northern California). The PACs identify concerns, which in turn are used to recommend budgeting priorities for available federal funds on key elements of the plan such as watershed restoration, watershed analysis, and subsequent project planning efforts. Advice is tailored to site specific areas in the plan area. Intergovernmental and public relationships improve significantly as a result of these advisory committee meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

On September 30, 1994, USDA published the NOI in the Federal Register announcing the Pacific Northwest Forest Plan. The Federal agencies affected by the plan formed 12 groups called the Provincial Interagency Executive Committees or PIECs for each of the 12 provinces identified in the plan. The charter lists interests that need to be

represented on each of the 12 provincial advisory committees as follows: 1 rep. from the Environment Protection Agency; 1 rep. from the USDA Forest Service; 1 rep. from the Bureau of Land Management; 1 rep. from the National Park Service; 1 rep. from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; 1 rep. from State government; 1 rep. from each county where province is located (maximum of 3); up to 3 reps. from Tribal government; 2 reps. from environmental interests; 2 reps. from the forest products industry; reps. from the recreation and tourism industry; 3 to 5 reps from fish, wildlife, or forestry conservation organization such as the Bureau of Reclamation, National Biological Survey, Forest Service Research, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Defense, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Initial meetings focused on building understanding of the Northwest Forest Plan and effective working relationships among the seven agencies identified in the charter. Meetings now also focus on implementation matters such as advising agencies concerning priorities for allocation of limited federal funds toward watershed restoration and watershed analysis needs as required by the plan. During the summer field trips give members an opportunity to see and discuss the forest situation first hand. Members are using their increased knowledge of the Northwest Forest Plan and their working relationships with other members to provide ongoing advice about making the Northwest Forest Plan work on the ground in real time. Members have also provided a valuable platform for collaborating on elements of the

Forest Plan Revision project. The PAC meets 1-5 times annually or as needed to perform its duties. The PAC met twice in 2017, in January and in April.

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

Close cooperation among the many agencies having a management responsibility in the area and a forum where the public's views may be heard are key components of the PAC. The PAC provides an opportunity for Federal managers and the public to discuss the issues they identify and to offer advice and recommendations to decision makers on how to address those issues. Common effort and working together through the committee structure give rise to combined efforts that brings better management of the provinces set up in the plan.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

There were two Eastern Washington Cascades PAC meetings in 2017, one in January and another in April. The Charter for the PAC expired in May 2017, no meetings have occurred since that time. All costs reported for FY2017 are for outreach efforts and general administrative costs for managing the PAC.

Designated Federal Officer

Mike Williams Forest Supervisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Acosta, Rick	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Resident	Representative Member
Andersen, Heide	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Biologist/Environmental Consultant	Representative Member

Bambrick, Dale	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Branch Chief	Representative Member
Barrett, Tara	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Research Forester	Representative Member
Bekker, Gustav	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Member/President/Founder – Backcountry Ski Club	Representative Member
Brown, James	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Regional Director	Representative Member
Carlson, Lee	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Yakama Nation Representative	Representative Member
DeTro, James	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Okanogan County Commissioner	Representative Member
Demorest, Jeanne	01/05/2017	07/07/2019	Fish & Wildlife Administrator, Columbia-Cascade Area Office	Representative Member
Ford, Bill	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Member - Washington State Snowmobile Association	Representative Member
Ing-Moody, Soo	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Mayor - City of Twisp	Representative Member
King, Aron	07/11/2017	07/11/2019	Field Manager	Representative Member
Krupka, Jeffrey	05/02/2016	07/07/2017	Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist	Representative Member
Kuiken, Jason	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Deputy Forest Supervisor	Representative Member
Lyons, Andrea	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Director - Terrestrial Ecology Program	Representative Member
Martinez, Nick	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Rancher	Representative Member
Neuman, Dale	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Member – Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association	Representative Member
O'Brien, Obie	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Kittitas County Commissioner	Representative Member
Simon, Ron	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Forestry Consultant/Engineer	Representative Member
Skaer, Laura	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Executive Director - Northwest Mining Association	Representative Member
Super, Lorah	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Outfitter/Guide	Representative Member
Taylor-Goodrich, Karen	01/01/2016	07/07/2017	Superintendent, North Cascades National Park	Representative Member
Walter, Ron	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Chelan County Commissioner	Representative Member
Watkins, Jen	07/07/2015	07/07/2017	Conservation Associate	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

Narrative Description

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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 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

The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee has provided an excellent forum for discussion of forest plan revision issues and collaborative input to plan

elements, and also provided input on the Motorized Travel Management Plan.

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?

5

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee:1. accepted the forest plan monitoring recommendation proposed by the forest2. advised against including over the snow transportation as part of the Motorized Travel Management Plan3. proposed building in a process for discussion about forest plan revision monitoring4. recommended that a chipper be available for fuel reduction 5. asked that a district ranger be in attendance at all future meetings

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Many of the projects discussed at Provincial Advisory Committee meetings vary from monitoring to full implementation. Because many of these projects are on-going and vary from forest to forest, state to state, determination for full implementation of some projects may be unpredictable.

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

Since 1994, many projects have not been fully implemented due to budget constraints and declines in the workforce of the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other regulatory and participating agencies that are mentioned in the Record of Decision. However, Provincial Advisory Committees remain steadfast in their commitment to deliver recommendations to implement the Northwest Forest Plan, as intended in the ROD of 1994.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Not applicable.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Under the Record of Decision of 1994 to Implement the Northwest Forest Plan, the above are 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Each of the Provincial Advisory Committees (PAC) have networked the accomplishments of their PAC via website, newspaper, radio, community review boards, and by simply sharing with other agencies and community groups during public established meetings. Some PACs have subcommittees that accompany the great work the PACs have accomplished. Furthermore, each of the PACs outreach to underserved groups to serve on the committee in order to better reflect the communities in which they serve.