

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Deschutes Provincial Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

7248

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/27/2015

6. Expected Renewal Date

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

Terminate

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

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

4

17b. Closed 0

17c. Partially Closed 0

Other Activities 0

17d. Total 4

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The purposes of the meeting are to hear a presentation on climate change and water, Discuss focus areas, and Visit recreation sites on the Ochoco National Forest. 10/21/2016 - 10/21/2016

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation on balancing wildlife habitat and access to the forest (roads and trails), furthering the PAC's thinking on forest restoration. The committee discussed how they can engage basin-wide in the issue. 03/10/2017 - 03/10/2017

The committee also discussed recreation issues facing the federal land managers and how to promote sustainable recreation in the basin.

The purpose of the meeting was to review pilot project areas that the committee could engage in the planning process related to forest access and wildlife habitat. Several pilot project areas were reviewed and discussed. There was also a presentation on wilderness planning for sustainable recreation so that the committee could discuss how they would engage in providing recommendations on visitor use management in wilderness. 04/21/2017 - 04/21/2017

Continue review of pilot project areas on the Deschutes NF, Ochoco NF, and Prineville BLM. 06/02/2017 - 06/02/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$3,595.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$8,740.00	\$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,070.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$13,405.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.15	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

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20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The current charter lists interests that need to be represented on each of the two 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?

Meetings are expected to be four to five per year, including field trips. The committee has met three times in 2017. Meetings and field trips provide members the opportunity to review forest management issues first hand such as implementation matters advising discuss the forest situation first hand. Meeting agendas, field trip locations, and presentations will focus on the priority issues in the Deschutes Province so that the committee will have the ability to provide advice on those issues such as sustainable recreation and Forest Plan revision. Presentations at meetings have included forest plan revision process, and scientific partnership with collaborative involved in restoration planning.

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

The complex nature of natural resource management in the Pacific Northwest and the subsequent Pacific Northwest Forest Plan developed to guide the management of the region's natural resources require close cooperation among the many agencies having a management responsibility in the area and a forum where the public's views may be heard. The PACs provide 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 a synergy 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

The Deschutes PAC has spent time in 2017 working to advance thinking in the areas of forest restoration and sustainable recreation.

Presentations from agency specialists have brought the issues into focus. In 2017 the committee had planned to continue to tackle issues and provide advice and recommendations to the agency but the charter expired so the summer field trip had to be cancelled, work has stalled, and it will be difficult to re-engage membership. January 20, 2017 meeting was cancelled.

Designated Federal Officer

John P. Allen Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Paul	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Supervisory Research Forester - Pacific Northwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service	Representative Member
Arnold, Chuck	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Resident	Representative Member
Backstrom, Carl	06/30/2015	05/27/2017	Coach – Ability First Youth Adaptive Sports Camp	Representative Member
Elpi, David	07/06/2015	03/06/2017	Owner/Operator – Sisters Forest Products, LLC	Representative Member

Fahlgren, Ken	07/06/2015	12/31/2016	County Commissioner – Crook County	Representative Member
Fernandez, Erik	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Wilderness Coordinator – Oregon Wild	Representative Member
Fuller, Garth	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Eastern Oregon Conservation Director – The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Hubbard, Jerry	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Executive Director and Vice-President – Upper Deschutes River Coalition	Representative Member
Jeffries, Shane	07/06/2015	05/27/2017	Deputy Forest Supervisor - Deschutes National Forest, U.S. Forest Service	Representative Member
Johnson, Chris	05/23/2016	05/27/2017	Vice President of Operations, Whitefish Cascade Forest Resource LLC	Representative Member
Keith, Ed	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	County Forester - Deschutes County	Representative Member
Kubo, Teresa	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	NEPA Reviewer – Environmental Protection Agency	Representative Member
Lamb, Bonnie	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Natural Resources Specialist – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	Representative Member
Maxwell, Valerie	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Owner - Valerie's Natural Beef	Representative Member
McAfee, Adele	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Resident - Deschutes County	Representative Member
Miller, Marilyn	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Naturalist and Conservation Consultant – Miller Conservation Consulting	Representative Member
Oliphant, Dennis	07/06/2015	12/31/2016	President - Sun Country Tours, Inc.	Representative Member
Patt, Jr., Olney	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Policy Planner - Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs	Representative Member

Penhollow, Clay	07/06/2015	12/31/2016	Natural Resources Planner – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	Representative Member
			President/General Manager – Mount Bachelor, Incorporated	Representative Member
Rathbun, Dave	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Owner/Operating Manager – Cog Wild Bicycle Tours	Representative Member
			Owner/President – Ardell Group	Representative Member
Starr, Woody	07/06/2015	07/06/2017	Resident	Representative Member
			Member – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Representative Member
Stowe, David	07/06/2015	07/06/2017		
Whitelaw, Dana	07/06/2015	07/06/2017		
Young, Elly	07/06/2015	07/06/2017		

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Committee has reviewed their Charter and determined a focus for FY 2017 program to include continuing work on sustainable recreation and balancing forest access with wildlife habitat..

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

Cost savings associated with projects that are approved instead of appealed and litigated are hard to quantify. The PAC has improved the community collaboration and support of a number of basin-wide projects that have not been appealed or litigated. For example, PAC support of the Deschutes and Ochoco Travel Management Project may have helped result in the low number of appeals and no litigation.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

10

Number of Recommendations Comments

Over the life of the committee, the PAC has made recommendations on the success of the implementation monitoring of the NWFP; recommended changes to the Standards and Guidelines as a result of the monitoring efforts; comments and recommendations on the Interior Columbia Basin DEIS; 3-5 project-specific recommendations; recommendations on strategic approaches to implementing the Travel Management Rule; recommendations on adopting a set of Principles of Restoration that serve as a basis for resolving community conflicts related to management and restoration of forest ecosystems. No new recommendations in FY2017.

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

98%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All recommendations within the Deschutes National Forest and the Prineville BLM have been implemented. Recommendations regarding changes to the NWFP were not. Recommendations on the Standards and Guideline for Livestock Management were implemented; the FEIS for the Interior Columbia Basin Project reflected the recommendations made by the PAC.

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

2%

% 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.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

We demonstrate in written documentation how the committee's recommendations have

been implemented.

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

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

No grants reviewed.

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.