

## 2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Lawrence Resource Advisory Committee

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of Agriculture

**2. Fiscal Year**

2015

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Lawrence Resource Advisory  
Committee

**3b. GSA Committee**

**No.**

73555

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?** **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No

06/10/2014

**8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?**

Yes

**8b. Specific Termination Authority**

PL 110-343 and PL  
112-141

**8c. Actual Term Date**

07/13/2015

**9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year**

Terminate

**10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**

No

**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** **14. Committee Type**

10/03/2008 Continuing No

**14c. Presidential?**

No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports**

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

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

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Next</b>
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<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 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 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?**

NA

**21. Remarks**

No activity in FY2015, as the committee was terminated this fiscal year to merge with a new RAC established to cover the Black Hills National Forest under the Black Hills RAC.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Rhonda L. OByrne District Ranger, Northern Hills Ranger District

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Bennett, Gerry	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Spearfish Canyon Fire Chief; Resident	Representative Member
Coburn, William	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Procurement Forester	Representative Member
Driscoll, J. Whitney	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Ranch	Representative Member
Jensen, Clifford	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Manager/Owner, Permit Holder	Representative Member
Johnson, Daryl	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Marcus, Urla	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Associate Director - Center for American Indian Studies, Black Hills State University; Advisor - American Indian Organizations: AISES and Lakota Omniciye	Representative Member
Miller, Dianne	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Rancher, Permit Holder	Representative Member
Outka, Bruce	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Chairman – Spearfish Historic Preservation Committee	Representative Member

Quaschnick, 04/23/2010 07/13/2015  
Donnie  
Logger -  
Quaschnick  
Logging;  
Recreationalist  
Representative  
Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

**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 checked="" 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
- 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?**

25

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

N/A

**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 that 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input 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 1

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 1

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$62,500

**Grant Review Comments**

The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work. RAC project proposals are often, but not always, in the form of grant requests.

**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.