

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 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?

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

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

Meetings and Dates

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	\$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.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	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

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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	Representative Member
Jensen, Clifford	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	Ranch 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, Donnie	04/23/2010	07/13/2015	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	<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
Cost Savings Other

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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.