

## 2013 Current Fiscal Year Report: Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of Agriculture

**2. Fiscal Year**

2013

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Yakima Provincial Advisory  
Committee

**3b. GSA Committee  
No.**

7245

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

No

07/19/2011

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

Yes

**8b. Specific Termination Authority**

Departmental  
Regulation 1043-37

**8c. Actual Term Date**

12/17/2012

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

Continue

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

No

**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**

0

**17b. Closed**

0

**17c. Partially Closed**

0

**Other Activities**

0

**17d. Total**

0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<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 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.

**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?**

These meetings are not closed meetings. (See Charter)

**21. Remarks**

The Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee was terminated by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 17, 2012.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Shandra Terry Public Affairs Specialist

**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

☐

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

The Yakima and Eastern Washington PACs have provided an excellent forum for discussion of forest plan revision issues and collaborative input to plan elements.

### 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

NA

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

A review of the Provincial Advisory Committees will be completed in FY2012.

### 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**

NA

**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**

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

NA

### 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 twelve 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.