

# 2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Crook County Resource Advisory Committee for the Rocky Mountain Region

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Agriculture	2007
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Crook County Resource Advisory Committee for the Rocky Mountain Region	13855

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	07/06/2004		

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes		09/30/2007

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	Enacted

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
RACs	12/01/2002	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Review of previously funded projects, review and recommendation of new project proposals.	09/12/2007	09/12/2007

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next 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>	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
<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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.20	0.20

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its  
purpose?**

Consistent with Title II of the Secure Rural  
Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of  
2000, this RAC will meet regularly to review  
projects proposed by the county and others for  
development on the Crook County portion of the  
Black Hills National Forest and recommend worthy

projects to the Secretary for approval. The RAC will provide a vehicle for early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials, and frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, other land management agencies, and others to participate openly and meaningfully early in a project. The RAC gives various representatives of interests, who sometimes strongly felt opposing positions, an opportunity to negotiate to a successful conclusion and improve collaborative relationships.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Secretary shall appoint 15 members and 3 replacement members to represent the following interests: Five persons who represent organized labor; commercial recreations activities; and commercial timber industry. Five persons representing environmental organizations. Five persons representing State and County offices.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 1

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

As the Act requires, the RAC is necessary to review and recommend proposed projects for development on the portion of the Black Hills National Forest within county boundaries because Crook County has set aside funds (Title II) for this purpose. Another purpose of the RAC is to improve collaborative relationships in an area where positions of interest groups are strongly held.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or**

## partially closed committee meetings?

No meetings are closed.

## 21. Remarks

Terminated on the advice of the Secretariat due to lack of legislation. Agency may bring this committee back on its own authority if legislation is not forthcoming.

## Designated Federal Officer

Steve J Kozel Bearlodge District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berg, Cecilia	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Nationally recognized environmental organization	Representative Member
Burch, Harold	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	County Elected Official	Representative Member
Burgess, Cheryl	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Archaeological and Historical interest	Representative Member
Dierking, Jeanine	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Environmental	Representative Member
Ellsbury, Larry	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Land -Use Permittee	Representative Member
Hougham, Deb	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	American Indian Tribe	Representative Member
Hurd, David	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Dispersed recreation	Representative Member
Jeffres, Barbara	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Energy and Mineral Development	Representative Member
Julian, Joseph	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Affected Public at Large	Representative Member
Miller, Major	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Outdoor Recreation	Representative Member
Pearson, Wade	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Commercial timber industry	Representative Member
Shoffstall, John	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Archaeological and historical interests	Representative Member
Smith, Nels	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Land-user permittee	Representative Member
Stahla, Steve	05/09/2005	05/09/2008	Affected Public at Large	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

## Narrative Description

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The Committee was established for two purposes: (1) to improve collaborative relationships among the people who use and care for the National Forests and the Forest Service, which manages the lands; and (2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service in identifying and implementing broadly supported land management projects that maintain existing infrastructure, enhance forest ecosystems, and improve land health and water quality. The RAC directly supports the agency's mission goal for ecosystem health: to Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the Nation's forests, grasslands, and watersheds.

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

## Outcome Comments

Through road re-routing and reconstruction, safety has been improved on major travelways to the National Forest. There is a greater understanding of the processes we have to go through as part of a federal agency. These processes are sometimes seen as cumbersome and unnecessary by the general public. As part of the committee, these members of the public see the value in many of the steps we must go through. This has created a greater trust and understanding in government. Several agencies that have heretofore never applied for grants have become comfortable in the grant making

process. Because of our cooperation with other agencies we see an increase in customer satisfaction.

**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**

NA

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

45

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

**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**

NA

**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**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Feedback is provided through mailings and meetings.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

NA

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 10

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 5

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$40,000

### **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 type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A