

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Resource Advisory Committees for the Southern Region

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Resource Advisory Committees for the Southern Region

3b. GSA Committee No.

16611

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/08/2005

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2007

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 106-393

13. Effective Date

10/30/2000

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

09/30/2007

Report Title

Annual Report to the Secretary

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 5 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 5

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Proposal review and approval	07/12/2007	07/12/2007
New project proposal overview.	09/20/2007	09/20/2007
[Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]		
[Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]		
Review of old and newly proposed projects; legislative update	09/20/2007	09/20/2007
To review Title II proposals.	09/11/2007	09/11/2007

Meeting notes for Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee, July 12, 2007, held at Franklin County Library, Meadville, Mississippi. RAC Members attending: Delton Butler, Chairperson; Tim Reed, DFO, Stephen Oglesby; Harold Dillon; Ann Somers; Neil Brown; Bessie Fowler; George Collins; Rebecca Robertson; Cindy Ashmore; Marvin Corbin; Mary Bell Lunsford, RAC coordinator. Visitors/Presenters: Bobby Murray; Jackie Whittington; Dale Sterling; Joe McAllister; Woodrow Wilson, ML Ezell; Jerry Howell; Charles Hill; Steven Corban; Mickey Wilkinson; Jerry Wilkinson The meeting began @ 6:00 pm with Tim Reed, DFO calling the meeting to order and welcoming members and guests. Discussions: Extension of "The Act" New Members/Re-appointed Members – all applications received and Sec. of Ag. Signed membership appointments on July 10, 2007. Title III proposal – copy in members packet....comments until 7/16/07 New Charter.....a vote was taken later in the meeting to accept the Charter as was in the "Draft" Charter in members packet. New Proposals: Franklin County (George Collins for Nick Rutter, Franklin County Engineer) presented three proposals: FC 1 – Road repair 112,499 FC 2 – Road repair 137,561 FC 3 – Road repair 147,540 Amite County (Jackie Whittington, County Supervisor) presented four proposals: AC 1 – Bridge repair 140,250 AC 2 – Bridge repair 221,500 AC 3 – Bridge repair 126,500 AC 4 – Bridge repair 158,100 US Forest Service (Tim Reed, District Ranger – Homochitto RD) presented two proposals: USFS 1 – Bridge repair 200,000 USFS 2 – Bridge repair 80,000 There were discussions regarding the benefits of having all proposals approved – even though there were not enough Title II monies CURRENTLY AVAILABLE to cover all proposals. Having approved proposals 'on the shelf' would ensure that any monies could be spent within the SWMS RAC area. There were discussions regarding each proposal and how it would benefit the Forest Service as well as economic and safety benefits to citizens. George Collins made the motion that Amite County's AC 1 proposal be approved and be made the priority proposal. Harold Dillon seconded the motion - Discussions followed - motion carried. Steve Oglesby made the motion that FC 1; FC 2; AC 2; and USFS 1 proposals be approved and be made priorities in that order. George Collins seconded the motion – Discussions followed -motion carried. Neil Brown made the motion that AC 3; and AC 4 proposals be approved and be made priorities in that order. Rebecca Robertson seconded the motion - Discussions followed– motion carried. Steve Oglesby made the motion that USFS 2 and FC 3 proposals be approved and be made priorities in that order. George Collins seconded the motion - Discussions followed – motion carried. The final priority of Approved Proposals as follows.....all contingent upon funding. AC 1 – Bridge repair 140,250 FC 1 – Road repair 112,499 FC 2 – Road repair 137,561 AC 2 – Bridge repair 221,500 USFS 1 – Bridge repair 200,000 AC 3 – Bridge repair 126,500 AC 4 – Bridge repair 158,100 USFS 2 – Bridge repair 80,000 FC 3 – Road repair 147,540 ***** Funds available this date for Title II Proposals.....302,022 Approved Title II Proposals that can be funded at this time: AC 1

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5

	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	\$34,000.00	\$42,000.00
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.)	\$550.00	\$700.00
18d. Total	\$34,550.00	\$42,700.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Sixteen RACS for the Southern Region were established in 2003 to provide advice and recommendations for the Secretary's consideration and develop collaborative relationships to and with the Forest Service. Three RACs are currently active. Each RAC reviews projects proposed under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act and provides opportunities for early and continuous coordination to RAC members and the public. Each RAC may create and maintain approved subcommittees and may adopt rules of operation.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Each RAC consists of 15 members that are pulled from 3 categories: 1: 5 who represent organized labor, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, commercial recreation activities, energy and mineral development interest, commercial timber industry, or hold Federal land use permits. 2: 5 who represent nationally, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. 3: 5 who hold State, county or local elected office, represent American Indian tribes, are school officials or teachers, or represent the affected public-at-large. Members serve for 3 years and are required to fill and abide by all requirements stated within the charter.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4 Estimated Total Meetings per RAC to which members have been appointed (approximately 12)

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

These committees are essential to meet the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 if an eligible county chooses to participate in the payments to states program and to set aside funds from its payments for Title II projects (projects on national forests). Not only do the committees open relationships, but they open opportunities for parties to participate in project development. These RACs consist of members who are resident of the State in which the forest is located and are mostly composed of members that are affected by the decisions of the committees. A first hand view and opinion is, therefore, given.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open.

21. Remarks

The Committee Management Secretariat recommended that without legislation in hand this committee needed to be reported as terminated for FY07. Agency may bring this committee back in FY08 on its own authority if legislation is not forthcoming. Because of the costs reported the number of FTE for this committee was reduced from 10 to 1.

Designated Federal Officer

Dennis Wolfe staff

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ashmore, Cindy	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Ernaklin County Memorial Hospital	Representative Member
Brown, Neil	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Retired	Representative Member
Butler, Delton	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	business owner	Representative Member
Collins, George	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	County Superintendent	Representative Member
Corban, Marvin	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	retired	Representative Member
Dillon, Harold	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	retired	Representative Member
Fowler, Bessie	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Retired teacher	Representative Member
Hutcherson, James	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	business owner/professor	Representative Member
Mabry, John	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Company owner	Representative Member
Magee, Jr., Charles	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Banker	Representative Member
Oglesby, Stephen	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	State Employee	Representative Member
Posey, Lynn	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	State Senator	Representative Member
Rigby, Carol	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Principal of school	Representative Member
Robertson, Rebecca	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	Retired teacher and administrator	Representative Member
Somers, Ann	07/09/2007	07/09/2010	architect	Representative Member
Alford, James [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004	01/14/2007	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Blackwell, Joe [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004	01/14/2007	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Burns, Gary [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004	01/14/2007	Local Environmental	Representative Member

Ferguson, Tommy [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Commercial Recreation	Representative Member
House, Jerry [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 Methodist Minister	Representative Member
Hunt, Lonnie [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 County Judge	Representative Member
Julian, Chester [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Retired	Representative Member
Kallstrom, Christine [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 Education	Representative Member
Kellum, Kennon [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Labor	Representative Member
Martinez-Kitchen, Eurnice [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Public at Large	Representative Member
Mask, Wayne [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 National Environmental	Representative Member
Miller, Sharon [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation	Representative Member
Murray, Shirley [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 School Official	Representative Member
Rhoder, Agnes [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Historical	Representative Member
Shelton, Larry [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 Osage Woodworks	Representative Member
Watts, Carl [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	07/24/2007 07/24/2010 Retired	Representative Member
Worsham, Grover [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 Land Use Permittee	Representative Member
von Doenhoff, Chris [Davy Crockett National Forest Resource Advisory Committee in Texas]	01/14/2004 01/14/2007 State Elected Delegate	Representative Member
Abbott, James [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Manager	Representative Member
Billings, Curtis [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Retired	Representative Member
Crouch, James [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Consultant Firm Owner	Representative Member

Diaz, Joseph [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Human Resources Director	Representative Member
Doty, Martha [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Retired Teacher	Representative Member
Easley, Paul [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Environmental Manager for City of Fort Smith	Representative Member
Fenley, Jeff [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Business Owner	Representative Member
Lysobey, Mary Beth [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Teacher	Representative Member
McCarter, Tammy [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 County Assessor	Representative Member
Plummer, Gary [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Cattleman and Restaurant Owner	Representative Member
Powell, Ronnie [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Equipment Operator	Representative Member
Robinson, Howard [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Material Handler/National Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Smoot, Robert [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Farm Owner	Representative Member
Stanley, Ray [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 County Judge	Representative Member
Walker, Terry [Ozark-Ouachita National Forests Resource Advisory Committee in Oklahoma and Arkansas]	08/31/2007 08/31/2009 Business Owner	Representative Member
BUTLER, DELTON [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006 Outdoor Recreation	Representative Member
COLLINS, GEORGE [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006 District 3 County Supervisor, Franklin County	Representative Member
DILLON, HAROLD [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006 Permittee	Representative Member

FOWLER, BESSIE [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	Election Commissioner and member of Gloster Public Library Branch	Representative Member
MABRY, JOHN [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	President, Sam Mabry Lumber Co.	Representative Member
MAGEE,, CHARLES [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	Bank vice president;; outdoorsman	Representative Member
OGLESBY, STEPHEN [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	Forester, Franklin County	Representative Member
POSEY, LYNN [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	State senator	Representative Member
RIGBY, CAROL [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	Headmaster of Copiah Academy	Representative Member
ROBERTSON, REBECCA [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	Board of Directors, Mississippi Community College	Representative Member
SOMMERS, ANN [Southwest Resource Advisory Committee in South Mississippi]	10/28/2003 10/28/2006	MS Sierra Club	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 59

Narrative Description

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of P.L. 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 Nations's forests, grasslands, and watersheds. This law provides a mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land managers in recommending projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands. PL 106-393 is crucial to rural counties for their long-term success; both for schools and their role in helping devise key projects for the health of the land (through RAC work). RACs have fostered a solid working partnership, between forests and their county leaders as well as among RAC members. In the Southern Region there are three active Resource Advisory Committees under P.L. 106-393.

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

Outcome Comments

NA

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?

35

Number of Recommendations Comments

Road repair through the Forest(5)Watershed restoration (1)

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

65%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

35%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Significant progress has been made implementing approved projects

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Provided periodic updates concerning ongoing projects.

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?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A