

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 Report Title

09/30/2007 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]

Review of old and newly proposed
projects; legislative update

09/20/2007 - 09/20/2007

[Ozark-Ouachita
National Forests
Resource
Advisory
Committee in
Oklahoma and
Arkansas]

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

[Southwest
Resource
Advisory
Committee in
South
Mississippi]

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

07/12/2007 - 07/12/2007

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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$550.00	\$700.00
18e. Total Costs	\$34,550.00	\$42,700.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	10.40	10.50

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	Frnaklin 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	Permitee	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 Nation'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