

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
18d. Total	\$52,400.00	\$52,400.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.60	0.60

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The scope and objectives are to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The duties and responsibilities are to review and recommend projects proposed under Title II of the Act by participating counties and other persons, propose projects and funding to the Secretary of Agriculture, provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies, and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, at the beginning of the early stages of project development process.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three membership categories, as required by the Act. These categories are further broken-down into five specific areas. Therefore, the following interests are represented: persons who represent organized labor; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; energy and mineral development interests; commercial timber industry; person holding Federal grazing permits or other land use permits; nationally and regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interest; nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups; person holding state elected office or their designee; persons holding county or local elected office; representative of American Indian tribes; school officials or teachers; and person representing the affected public-at-large.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings for two committees/subcommittees with appointed members, per Year - 4 Estimated per committee Total Meetings - 8

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

This committee is essential because the Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) provide for early and continuous coordination with agency officials on forest projects and for frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and others to participate openly and meaningfully beginning at the early stages of the project

Greenwood, Bill [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Town Manager, Town of Eagar	Representative Member
Hodges, R. [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Policy Director, Sky Island Alliance	Representative Member
Hoffman, Donald [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Arizona Wilderness Coalition	Representative Member
Hughes, Dennis [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Navopache Electric Cooperative	Representative Member
Lunt, Richard [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 County Supervisor	Representative Member
Marks, Barbara [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Ranching	Representative Member
Mathis, Janet [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Educator	Representative Member
Sitko, Suzanne [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Taylor, Arnold [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Hopi Tribe	Representative Member
Thurman, Lorna [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 Educational and business consultant	Representative Member
Wager, Joseph [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 President, Scythian Group, Inc. (publishing)	Representative Member
Wise, Elizabeth [Eastern Arizona Counties Organization Resource Advisory Committee]	02/21/2006 02/21/2009 trail advocacy, White Mountain Conservation League	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 29

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 Nations'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 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

RAC funded projects have improved the safety of area residents living in communities adjacent to national forests

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?

60

Number of Recommendations Comments

Sixty project applications have been recommended for funding since the RAC first met.

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

48%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

29 out of 60 projects are fully completed.

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

52%

% 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

The RAC is briefed during regular meetings about projects funded

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 checked="" 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 <u>Number</u> of grants reviewed for approval	104
What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants recommended for approval	60
What is the estimated <u>Dollar Value</u> of grants recommended for approval	\$2,306,056

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 type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A