

1999 Current Fiscal Year Report: Committee of Scientists, Forest Service

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

1999

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Committee of Scientists, Forest Service

3b. GSA Committee No.

5193

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/08/1997

6. Expected Renewal Date

Date

7. Expected Term Date

Date

09/08/1999

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Agency decision

8c. Actual Term Date

09/08/1999

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

No

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency decision

13. Effective Date

09/08/1997

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

03/15/1999

16c. Report Title

Sustaining the People's Lands

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 6 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 6

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Public Teleconference	11/19/1998	- 11/19/1998
Public Teleconference	12/15/1998	- 12/15/1998
Public Teleconference	01/07/1999	- 01/07/1999
Public Teleconference	02/09/1999	- 02/09/1999
Public Teleconference	02/23/1999	- 02/23/1999
Committee of Scientists Meeting in Denver, Colorado	06/12/1999	- 06/12/1999

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 6

	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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$15,821.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$580.00	\$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.)	\$37,037.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$53,438.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service used the findings and recommendations to develop revised planning regulations for land management planning in the Forest Service.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Committee members represent the following disciplines: Forest Ecology; Forest Hydrology; Landscape Ecology; Range Management; Forestry; Silviculture; Fisheries Biology; Wildlife Biology; Economics; Public Administration; Tribal Economist; Public Land Law; and Conflict Resolution.

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

In 1999, the Committee of Scientists held five teleconferences and one public meeting in Denver, Colorado, to conclude their discussions and report on planning for the national forests and grasslands.

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

The Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service chartered the Committee to identify improvements to the Forest Service's land management planning process. It had been over 20 years since there was a comprehensive review of the planning process.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Robert Cunningham DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Agee, James	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor, Forest Ecology, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Beschta, Robert	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor, Forest Hydrology, Oregon State University, Corvallis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dale, Virginia	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Senior Scientist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hardesty, Linda	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Associate Professor, Dept. of Natural Resources Science, Washington State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, K. Norman	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Comm. Chair and Professor, Dept. of Forest Resources, Oregon State University, Corvallis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Long, James	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor, Dept. of Forest Resources, Utah State University, Logan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nielsen, Larry	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor/Director, School of Forest Resources, Penn State University, University Park	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Noon, Barry	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Associate Professor, Dept. of Fishery & Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sedjo, Roger	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Sr. Fellow and Dir. of Forest Economic and Policy Program, Resources for the Future, Wash. DC.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Shannon, Margaret	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Asso. Prof. Public Admin., Dept. of Public Admin. and Center for Env. Policy and Admin, Syracuse U. New York	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Trosper, Ronald	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor/Director, Native American Forestry Program, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilkinson, Charles	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Professor of Law, University of Colorado, Boulder	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wondolleck, Julia	12/19/1997	09/08/1999	Assist. Prof., School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

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

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

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

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

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

No

Grant Review Comments

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