

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory Committee

Report Run Date: 04/18/2024 12:53:12 PM

1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

84586

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/19/2023 12/19/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

SRS and Community

Self-Determination Act as

reauthorized in PL 110-343,
PL 112-141 and as amended

Agricultural Improvement Act
of 2018 PL. 115-334.

13. Effective Date

10/03/2008 Continuing

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	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	\$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.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for

citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

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

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed.

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

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

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

partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open to the public with an opportunity to provide comments.

21. Remarks

This RAC met once in FY23 and recommended projects.

Designated Federal Officer

Johanna Kovarik Public Affairs Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brause, Hannah	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Area School Official or Teacher	Representative Member
Buffington, Chase	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Land Use Permit Holder	Representative Member
Horan, James	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Off Highway Vehicle Use	Representative Member
Price, Anjolen	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Commercial Timber Industry	Representative Member
Saul, Susan	01/12/2021	10/01/2023	Dispersed Recreation Activities	Representative Member
			Nationally or regionally-recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations	
Soliz, Cynthia	01/12/2021	01/12/2025		Representative Member
Tipple, Tamara	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Affected Public-At-Large	Representative Member
Toeyan, Nancy	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Commercial Timber Industry	Representative Member
Tolfree, Jamie	01/12/2021	01/12/2025	Archeology and History	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees

specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

30

Number of Recommendations Comments

According to the history, CMO correction to previous years not carried over. FY 2020 Recommendations = 13 FY 2021 Recommendations = 0 No meetings FY2022 Recommendations = 0 No meetings FY 2023 Recommendations = 17 projects were recommended Total for the life of the committee= 30

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

All projects were approved and funded.

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

N/A

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

In Spring of 2023 the Gifford Pinchot National Forest had approximately \$1.2 M available in Secure Rural Schools Title II funds, with an estimated additional \$500K coming later in the fiscal year. The funding on hand included multiple years of funding during which time, for reasons mostly outside of our control, we did not have a quorum on the Resource Advisory Committee, the body required to review and make recommendations on Title II projects to fund. In FY23 the Gifford Pinchot NF RAC had a quorum in place. As a result, project proposals were solicited, and a meeting of the RAC took place in Spring of this year. RAC members made \$1,118,000 worth of funding recommendations (including 17 distinct projects) which were approved by the DFO. Information may be obtain by the website

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/giffordpinchot/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=fseprd1C>

and any questions by contacting the DFO.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Access Comments

N/A