

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Central Montana Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

73549

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/15/2021 10/15/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

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 No

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0

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 membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three categories. 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?

Throughout its existence, this committee generally has met 1 time per year or every 2 years as needed to perform its duties. This relevant pre-work is sent out to members prior to the meeting so that the RAC can efficiently conduct its business in a 2.5 - 3.5 hour meeting.

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 prioritized 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?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Central Montana RAC currently has 9 members and no quorum. This committee did not hold a public meeting in FY23; the committee did hold an administrative meeting in FY23.

Designated Federal Officer

Molly Ryan Deputy Forest Supervisor

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Amundson, Donald	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Upper Musselshell Museum Treasurer	Representative Member
Aune, Chris	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Utica Rod and Gun Club	Representative Member
Cox, Jody	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Smith River Shuttle	Representative Member
Hill, C. Beth	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Missouri Breaks Audubon	Representative Member
Hughes, Gerald	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Former school board member, Stanford Public Schools	Representative Member
Korslein, Alan	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Showdown Ski Area	Representative Member
McDonald, Cody	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Judith Basin County Commissioner	Representative Member
Rowland, Dean	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Sampsel, Dawnita	08/08/2022	08/10/2026	Stockman Bank Loan Officer	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Improved collaboration and accomplishment with county and private stakeholders for the stewardship of Helena- Lewis and Clark Nation Forest lands within Fergus, Judith Basin, Meagher, Pondera, and Wheatland counties in the Central Montana area.

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

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

This RAC has focused on collaborating on recommending projects that are accomplished using Title II funds. We do not have the ability to accurately quantify cost savings.

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

40

Number of Recommendations Comments

As of the end of FY23, there have been a total of 40 recommendations for life of the committee (0 in FY23, 0 in FY22, 4 in FY21, 11 in FY17, 10 in FY12, 15 in FY11) All past recommended projects have moved forward and been implemented.

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

There have been a total of 40 recommendations which have been completed. Completed projects include a number of Recreation Fee increase recommendations.

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

All recommended projects have been completed.

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 Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official and the RAC Coordinator are accessible to provide information to the committee on progress on recommended

projects. Additionally Forest employees that engage in implementing specific projects often interact with members of RAC or other interested publics as these projects are implemented.

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 checked="" 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

No comment

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

No

Grant Review Comments

No comment

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

Access Comments

No comment