2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Agriculture	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee	73564

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	12/19/2023	12/19/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
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.	10/03/2008	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	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 currently comprised of 12 members with pending nomination package for two additional members who would strengthen the diversity of the committee. 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 or as needed to perform its duties. In FY23, two meetings were held.

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?

All meetings are open to the public except when meetings are for administrative purposes..

21. Remarks

Continued outreach and recruitment of additional committee members. Nomination package approved. Committee met 2 times FY23.

Designated Federal Officer

Kerwin Dewberry Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ault, Alexander	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Recreationist	Representative Member
Caldwell, Patricia	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Permit Holder	Representative Member
Dhruv, Suzanne	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Environmental Education Director	Representative Member
Franklin, Kimberly	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Researcher	Representative Member
Girard, Michele	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Retired Biologist	Representative Member
Guiterman, Joseph	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Lawyer	Representative Member
Haozous, Jeffrey	10/03/2023	10/01/2027	Public At Large	Representative Member
Hoerig, Karl	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Historic Preservation Officer	Representative Member
Mouras, Theodore	05/23/2016	09/25/2024	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Quigley, Michael	05/23/2016	09/25/2024	Director - Arizona State, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
Roberts, Joanne	10/03/2023	10/01/2027	Public at Large	Representative Member
Strauss, Alan	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Director, Mt Lemmon Sky School, University of Arizona	Representative Member
Winfield, Joseph	09/25/2020	09/25/2024	Mayor Oro Valley	Representative Member
Zugmeyer, Claire	05/23/2016	09/25/2024	Ecologist - Sonoran Institute	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The number of recommendations reporting in 2023 updates the number of recommendations to date. In the 2022 report, only one additional recommendation was entered when there were actually 13 recommendations. Thus 12 projects were not accounted for in 2022 and have been added in 2023. An additional 4 new recommendations were completed in 2023. (summation: 45 from 2022 +12 +4 = 61 recommendations)

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	
Advance in scientific research	
Effective grant making	✓
Improved service delivery	✓
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	
Other	

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
All meetings were virtual; no travel reimbursements.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
61

Number of Recommendations Comments
FY23 a total of 16 recommendations. FY22 there were 13 projects recommended (only one was recorded as a FY22 recommendations) they are being captured under FY23 as recommendations. With 4 new recommendations made in FY23, for a total of 16.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
49 recommendations fully implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
12 projects partially implemented.

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

Recommendations approved by DFO include adding funds to four projects. See number of recommendation comments for further information.

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 4

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 4

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval $56,000

Grant Review Comments

Additional funds added through a modification to four partner agreements ($56,000) in FY23. The total value from projects in FY22 ($881,800).

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

Not applicable.