

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Ozark-Ouachita Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Ozark-Ouachita Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

70521

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 10/17/2019 10/17/2021

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? 10b. Legislation Pending?

Continue Not Applicable 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 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

10/03/2008 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports 16b. No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 17d. Total 1

Purpose	Start	End
To review Title II proposals.	03/10/2020	- 03/10/2020

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$13,750.00	\$13,750.00
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.)	\$150.00	\$150.00
18d. Total	\$13,900.00	\$13,900.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.25	0.25

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 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.

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.

21. Remarks

RAC met once in FY2020 and made recommendations.

Designated Federal Officer

Craig McBroome Staff Officer, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alt, Bruce	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Armstrong, Freddie	11/08/2016	11/08/2020	Entergy Employee	Representative Member
Black, Alvin	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Resident	Representative Member
Cunningham, Jeff	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Dodson, Martha	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Principal – Springdale School District	Representative Member
Eisele, Brian	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Resident	Representative Member
Green, Freddie	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Relay Technician – Entergy Corporation	Representative Member
Herrick, Theresa	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Professor – Recreation and Tourism, Arkansas Tech University; Member/Chair – Russellville Trail Committee	Representative Member
Hotubbee, Keith	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	American Indian Tribal Member	Representative Member
Knudsen, Gary	11/08/2016	11/08/2020	Archaeologist	Representative Member
McMillan, William	11/08/2016	11/08/2020	Federal Grazing Permit or Other Land Use Permit Holders, or Representative of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners	Representative Member
Schutz, Peter	11/08/2016	11/08/2020	Nationally Recognized Environmental Organizations	Representative Member
Shewmake, Wayne	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Arkansas Wildlife Federation	Representative Member
Warren, Dereck	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	Production Forester – Weyerhaeuser Company	Representative Member
Westbrook, Jimmy	07/19/2016	07/19/2020	County Commissioner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

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
- 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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

182

Number of Recommendations Comments

16 recommendations for FY2020.

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

88%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

161 recommendations have been completed.

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

12%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

21 recommendations are in progress.

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 regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

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

Checked if Applies

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Not applicable.