

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southwest Montana Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southwest Montana Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

21499

4. Is this New During 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?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

N/A

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

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 improve collaborative relations and 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 1-2 times per year as needed to perform its duties.

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

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, previously established under Public Law 106-393 and entered in the FACA database as the Madison-Beaverhead RAC, a subcommittee of 11979. The RAC was reauthorized under Public

Law 110-28, Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

One full-day meeting was held in person and with a virtual option on February 2, 2023

Designated Federal Officer

Carol Hatfield Forest Supervisor,
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

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 the 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	☒

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| 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

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| 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

Unable to determine.

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

177

Number of Recommendations Comments

For FY23, 12 new recommendations. Total of 165 projects recommended shown in FY22.

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 177 projects have been fully implemented.

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

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

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

Action Comments

Not applicable.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 0

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 0

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$0

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.