

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

13898

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/17/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/17/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

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

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

2

Purpose

Review the progress of previously funded projects, review new project proposals, and make recommendations for funding of projects through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, as Amended.

Start

05/27/2020 - 05/27/2020

End

Review the progress of previously funded projects, review new project proposals, and make recommendations for funding of projects through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, as amended.

06/02/2020 - 06/02/2020

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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	\$16,250.00	\$20,000.00

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.)	\$1,395.00	\$1,400.00
18d. Total	\$17,645.00	\$21,400.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.20

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 1-4 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?

This Resource Advisory Committee is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in 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

The Committee met twice in FY 20.

Designated Federal Officer

Ted Sandhofer District Ranger, Petersburg Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Eldred, Angela	06/08/2016	06/08/2020	Communications & Development Coordinator – Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition	Representative Member
Fowler, Patrick	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Fisheries Biologist	Representative Member
Hatton, Christina	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Tribal Environmental Coordinator	Representative Member
Jackson, Edna	06/08/2016	06/08/2020	Non-Timber Forest Product Harvester	Representative Member
Loesch, Ron	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Newspaper Publisher and Tour Boat Owner	Representative Member
Menish-Meucci, Marilyn	06/08/2016	06/08/2020	Visitor Center Specialist – Petersburg Visitor Information Center	Representative Member
Powell, Kimberly	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Administrative Assistant, Wrangell Public Schools	Representative Member
Roberts, Frank	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Retired Wildlife Biologist	Representative Member
Roope, Daniel	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Flyfishing Tour Operator	Representative Member
Teter, Joe	06/08/2016	06/08/2020	Engineer, Retired	Representative Member
Willard, William	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Tribal Transportation Manager	Representative Member
Wright, Chadwick	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Rotary Club President	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

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?

148

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee made 12 new recommendations in FY20. USFS approval of those recommendations is pending. Over the life of the committee, the agency has approved 134 recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

62%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

92 recommended projects have been completed.

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

29 recommended projects were partially implemented or are currently in progress and will be completed in FY21.

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 47

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 27

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$1,030,450

Grant Review Comments

The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work. RAC project proposals are often, but not always, in the form of grant requests.

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.