

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail
Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2491

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/16/2022

6. Expected Renewal Date

08/16/2024

7. Expected Term Date

05/22/2024

8a. Was

Terminated
During
Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

National Trails System Act
(Act)(Pub. L. 90-543) as amended
through (Pub. L. 116-9)(16 U.S.C.
1241)

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

National Trails System Act
(Act)(Pub. L. 90-543) as
amended through (Pub. L.
116-9)(16 U.S.C. 1241)

13. Effective Date

10/02/1968

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory
Board

16a. Total
Number of
Reports

No Reports for
 this Fiscal Year

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

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current Next	
	FY	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 the council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National

Scenic Trail (Pacific Northwest Trail), as described in the Act.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

This Council will be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Steps will be taken to encourage fresh points of view, such as establishing staggered membership terms and limiting the number of renewed memberships. The Council will consist of approximately 20 members (not more than 35) who provide balanced and broad representation within each of the following interests: • The Chief of the Forest Service, or a designee; • The Director of the National Park Service, or a designee. • The Director of the Bureau of Land Management, or a designee; And other representatives appointed by the Secretary to 2-year terms: • A representative of the State of Montana (selected from recommendations by the Governor); • A representative of the State of Idaho (selected from recommendations by the Governor); • A representative of the State of Washington (selected from recommendations by the Governor); • At least one representative for Tribes; • The remainder of the council will be comprised of representatives of land users, organizations, or entities with an established interest in the trail such as recreation and trails organizations, hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, environmental and wildlife organizations, archaeological and historical interests, the timber industry, gateway communities, the tourism industry and/or commercial outfitter interests, environmental education and youth interests, and private landowners.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

When last active, 2 meetings per year. Expected to increase in frequency to 4-6 meetings per year, or as often as needed to perform its duties.

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

The committee 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 matters relating to the Pacific Northwest Trail.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Two meetings were held in FY23 - June 15-16; and August 24. This committee is legislatively required under the National Trails System Act, and its work will inform the (legislatively required) comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail which must be completed by court-ordered deadline of December 31, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Richard Pringle Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Administrator

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barlow, Diane	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Blackfeet Nation	Representative Member
Beacham, Randy	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Randy Beacham Photography	Representative Member
Blakeslee, Glenn	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Pend Oreille County (WA) Sheriff	Representative Member
Bob, Frank	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Lummi Nation	Representative Member

Chapman, Jeffrey	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Private Landowners	Representative Member
Cintron, Callum	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Land Users - Hiking	Representative Member
Cuffe, Michael	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Montana State Legislature SD1	Representative Member
Dawson, Mike	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Partnership for the National Trails System	Representative Member
DeCramer, Michael	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Washington Trails Association	Representative Member
Dinning, Dan	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Boundary County, ID Commissioners	Representative Member
Dobey, Leah	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	WA Recreation and Conservation Office	Representative Member
DuPree, Melinda	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance	Representative Member
Erickson, Molly	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Peninsula Trails Association	Representative Member
Fisher, Luke	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Continental Divide Trail Coalition	Representative Member
Frenzel, Erik	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Pacific West Region, National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hough, Phillip	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Land Users - Hiking	Representative Member
Kendall, Robert	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	North Cascades Conservation Council	Representative Member
Kennedy, David	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Environmental Traveling Companions	Representative Member
Kipp, Clifford	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundaon	Representative Member
Kish, Jeff	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Pacific Northwest Trail Association	Representative Member
Knauth, Kevin	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	USDA Forest Service, Idaho Panhandle NF	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kooyman, Justin	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Pacific Crest Trail Association	Representative Member
Kroschel, Michael	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Archaeological and Historical Interests	Representative Member
Lithgow, Michael	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Kalispel Tribe	Representative Member
Liu, Michael	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Back Country Horsemen of Washington	Representative Member

Lumpkin, Soisette	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Friends of Atlanta Urban Food Forest	Representative Member
Nelson, Elizabeth	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Tulalip Tribe	Representative Member
Priebe, Diane	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Bureau of Land Management, Wenatchee Field Office	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
South, Ashley	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Yaak Valley Forest Council	Representative Member
Sowards, Adam	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Archaeological and Historical Interests	Representative Member
Stevens, Shelly	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Tri-County Economic Development District	Representative Member
Thomas, Elizabeth	05/10/2023	05/10/2025	Land Users - Hiking	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 32

Narrative Description

The pupose of the Council is to provide advice or recommendations relating to the Pacific Northwest Trail on the selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the Trail, and the administration of the Trail including the (legislatively required) trail-wide comprehensive plan.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Outcome Comments

Implement provisions of the National Trails System Act, which requires the Secretary to consult with the advisory council on specific items, including the (legislatively required) trail-wide comprehensive plan.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$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

Not Applicable

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

4

Number of Recommendations Comments

4 recommendations for the life of the committee.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No recommendations are fully implemented.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

4 recommendations are partially implemented. The Council recommendations were incorporated into the draft comprehensive plan to be completed December, 31, 2023. The recommendation will be fully implemented when the plan is completed and approved (by 12/31/2023).

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input 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

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments