

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

3b. GSA Committee No.

16565

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

No 01/02/2024 01/02/2026

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

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 Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

16 U.S.C. sec. 1600 et. seq,
16 U.S.C. sec. 1612 and P.
Law 108-447

13. Effective Date

01/13/2003

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. 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 the Board is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, and site-specific projects having forest-wide implications. The Board will also serve to meet the needs of the Recreation Enhancement Act of 2005 as a recreation advisory board. The Board shall provide timely advice and recommendations to the Secretary through the Forest Supervisor regarding programmatic forest issues and project-level

issues that have forest-wide implications for the Black Hills National Forest.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is representative of the Black Hills community interests. The categories are: economic development interest; outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation; nationally recognized environmental organizations; regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; nationally or regionally recognized sportsmen's groups; South Dakota-elected official ;Wyoming-elected official; county- or local-elected official in South Dakota or Wyoming; tribal government-elected or -appointed official; State natural resource agency official from South Dakota or Wyoming.

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

The Board will meet approximately nine times per year and will attend one summer field tour. A majority of the Board members must be present to constitute an official meeting. The Board or sub-committee shall not hold any meetings except at the call of, or with the advance approval of, the Designated Federal Officer. Attendance may be in-person, by telephone, or by other electronic means.

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

For years, the demands made on the Black Hills National Forest have resulted in conflicts among interest groups resulting in both forest-wide and site-specific programs being delayed due to

appeals and litigation. The Board provides a forum to resolve these issues to allow for the Black Hills National Forest to move forward in its management activities. The Board is believed to be one of the few groups with broad enough scope to address all of the issues and include all of the jurisdictional boundaries.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board met 6 times and had no recommendations in FY2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Ivan Green Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Sarah	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Program Director, Crook County Natural Resource District	Representative Member
Bies, Travis	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Rancher / Permittee	Representative Member
Busse, Corissa	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Gollilher, Michael	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Director of Mine Planning	Representative Member
Guffey, Scott	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	County Natural Resource Director	Representative Member
Johnson, James	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Recreational Adventures Company	Representative Member
Kenner, Scott	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Professor, Environmental Engineer Science	Representative Member
Killer, Kevin	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Chairman, Oglala Sioux Tribe	Representative Member
Nelson, Rachel	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Elevate Rapid City	Representative Member

Ortiz, Luke	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Black Hills Trails Resource	Representative Member
Pierson, Paul	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Forester - Neiman Enterprises Cabinet	Representative Member
Robling, Kevin	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Secretary - Game, Fish and Parks for South Dakota NRA Founder and Chairman of	Representative Member
Scull, Jim	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	SD Youth Hunting Adventures District Forester,	Representative Member
Terry, Dickson	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Wyoming Division of Forestry	Representative Member
VanDewater, Geody	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Chief of Police, Sturgis, SD Tribal Historic	Representative Member
Vance, Steve	05/31/2022	05/31/2024	Preservation Official	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (the Board) was specifically chartered to advise the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Supervisor on management intentions and plans to carry out the Forest Service's mission on the Black Hills National Forest to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Board helps the Forest Supervisor understand community sentiment, gives viewpoints representing a wide range of community expertise, and provides specific recommendations concerning activities to effect positive management outcomes on issues like forest health, recreation, insects and noxious weeds, travel management, conversion of open space to other uses, and fuel reduction. Since either intent or law and regulation requiring and encouraging public participation guide most of our key program areas, the Board provides an important first look at public reaction to Agency plans and processes.

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

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

Outcome Comments

This Board has taken on the toughest issues and areas the Forest deals with, and has found creative and effective ways to help and advise the Forest on issues across the Forest Service, including but not limited to the Chiefs Travel Management Rule, Recreation Enhancement Act, Recreation Facility Master Plan, and Biomass & Renewable Energy.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

This Board is making it possible for us to be far more effective planners and implementors which will contribute significantly to our cost effectiveness over the next five years.

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

79

Number of Recommendations Comments

FY2003: 1 recommendation. FY2004: 1 recommendation. FY2005: 2 recommendations. FY2006: 6 recommendations. FY2007: 6 recommendations. FY2008: 2 recommendations. FY2009: 7 recommendations. FY2010: 7 recommendations. FY2011: 5 recommendations. FY2012: 8 recommendations. FY2013: 7 recommendations. FY2014: 7 recommendations. FY2015: 4 recommendations. FY2016: 5 recommendations. FY2017: 4 recommendations. FY2018: 2 recommendations. FY2019: 1 recommendation. FY2020: 3 recommendations. FY2021: 1 recommendation. FY2022: 0 recommendations. FY2023: 0 recommendations.

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 recommendations have been accepted and / or 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

N/A

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

No recommendations in FY 23 were due to in large part to the significant turnover of DFO's throughout the year. The permanent Forest Supervisor was re-assigned in February 2023, and there has been 4 acting Forest Supervisors since. There is still no permanent Forest Supervisor / DFO on the Black Hills National Forest. Due to this, there has been little continuity and direction for the Board. Meetings have included briefings on

current issues and orientation presentations to keep Board members current on Forest actions until a permanent supervisor is in place. The full Board met six times in fiscal year 2023. 1 meeting was canceled due to facility issues. 2 meetings were canceled due to administrative delays in processing the Notice of Meeting in the Federal Register.

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

Checked if Applies

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

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not applicable.