

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Missoula Resource Advisory Committee

Report Run Date: 04/24/2024 05:46:01 PM

1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Missoula Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

73551

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

No 12/19/2023 12/19/2025

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 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

10/03/2008 Continuing No

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 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 RAC will meet 1-4 times annually or 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

The Missoula RAC met twice and made recommendations in 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Quinn Carver District Ranger, Seeley Lake

Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker-Dickinson, Kristen	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Montana Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Bashoor, Zachary	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Bashoor Land Management	Representative Member
Burchfield, James	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Retired Dean of Forestry Professor	Representative Member
Connelly, Sawyer	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Backcountry Hunters & Anglers	Representative Member
Fellet, Chris	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Credit Union	Representative Member
Gaskill, Steven	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	retired professor/Missoula Nordic	Representative Member
Hastings, Christine	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Lands and Conservation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Representative Member
Horan, Ben	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Executive Director Mountain Bik Missoula	Representative Member
Krivacek, Janet	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Retired Forester	Representative Member
Kuehn, Scott	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Pyramid Lumber	Representative Member
McGreq, Michael	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Seeley Nordic Club	Representative Member
Rich, Jack	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Rich Ranch LLC	Representative Member
Strohmaier, David	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Missoula County Commissioner	Representative Member
Wade, Alisa	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Professor, University of Montana	Representative Member
Wilson, Seth	03/02/2020	03/02/2024	Blackfoot Challenge	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

Last year the recreation fee proposal recommendations were implemented, so this year's 'in progress' projects went down considerably. 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	<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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

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

112

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee recommended six projects to be funded in FY23 for a total of \$49,772. For the life of the committee 112 recommendations.

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

86%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

96 recommendations have been completed.

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

14%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

16 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

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

Access Comments