2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Agriculture	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Eastern Region Recreation Resource Advisory Committee	33534

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/25/2023	01/25/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, PL 108-4	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108-447, Section 804	12/08/2004	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

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 responsibility of this committee is to provide recommendations to the Forest Service and BLM consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. Specifically, this committee provides recommendations on matters including, but not limited to: the implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site; the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; the expansion or limitation

of the recreation fee program; the implementation or elimination of noncommercial, individual special recreation permit fees; and the implementation of fee-level changes (increases or decreases).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership shall be balanced and have broad representation from within each of the three membership groups. These groups include persons who represent: summer motorized recreation; winter motorized recreation; summer non-motorized recreation; winter non-motorized recreation; hunting and fishing; motorized outfitters and guides; non-motorized outfitters and guides; local environmental groups; a state tourism official; representative of affected Indian tribes; and representative of affected local governments.

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

Estimated number of meetings per year: 2. Each meeting is relevant in that they both broaden our collaborative relationships and they enable the Recreation RAC to provide recommendations on fee proposals.

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

Advice of the committee is not available from other sources because the Recreation Enhancement Act requires that Recreation Resource Advisory Committees be formed to provide recommendations, which the Secretary of Agriculture may accept or reject, on fee proposals.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

There was no meeting activity in FY23 for the Eastern Region Recreation RAC. Costs reported in FY23 are associated with recruiting Recreation RAC members.

Designated Federal Officer

Jonathan Heyl Assistant National Recreation Fee Program Manager

Narrative Description

The Recreation RAC supports the Forest Service mission by providing recommendations on recreation fees, which contribute to the sustainability of the Nation's forests and grasslands.

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

N/A

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
The purpose of the committee does not relate to any cost savings measures.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
417

Number of Recommendations Comments
No new recommendations for FY2023.

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 completed.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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.