

## 2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Pennington Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2015

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Pennington Resource Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

73556

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/10/2014

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

PL 110-393 and PL  
112-141

### 8c. Actual Term Date

07/13/2015

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community  
Self-Determination Act as  
reauthorized in PL 110-343  
and PL 112-141.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2008 Continuing

### 14. Committee Type

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

	<b>Current Next</b>	
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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 committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed. No meetings in FY13, as the committee was not reauthorized

**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

No activity in FY2015, as the committee was terminated this fiscal year to merge with a new RAC established to cover the Black Hills National Forest under the Black Hills RAC.

## Designated Federal Officer

Robert J. Thompson District Ranger, Mystic  
Ranger District

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berg, Ervin	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	President/Treasurer – Rockwell City Rotary	Representative Member
Black, Debra	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Horse Country Living Magazine	Representative Member
Brondos, Patrick	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Timber Sales / Logging	Representative Member
Brown, Patty	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Board Member - Off-Road Riders Association	Representative Member
Cole, Jerry	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Director - City Parks & Recreation	Representative Member
Conrad, Daniel	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Teacher - Rapid City Area Schools, Central High School	Representative Member
Edel, Kenneth	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Founder - Black Hills Anglers	Representative Member
Glines, James	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Board Vice-President – NAJA Shrine/RMEF/SDYAH, Inc.	Representative Member
Gustin, Dirk	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Black Hills Mountain Bike Association	Representative Member
Hausle, Donald	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Certified Financial Planner/Owner – Don Hausle, CFP – The Black Hills Retirement Specialist	Representative Member
LaGrande, Quintin	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Owner - Glazed and Dazed Donuts	Representative Member
Litzen, Lori	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Resident	Representative Member
Tillisch, Stanley	03/06/2011	03/06/2015	Black Hills Historic Preservation Trust	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 13**

**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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input 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?**

21

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

N/A

**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 has 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**

All recommendations have been completed.

**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 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**

Not Applicable

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

No grants reviewed this Fiscal Year.

**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.