

## 2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: North Wisconsin Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2020

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

North Wisconsin Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

84585

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 5. Current Charter

10/17/2019

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

10/17/2021

### 7. Expected Term Date

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

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

### 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

Continuing

### 14. Committee Type

No

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates

0

No Meetings

### 18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

Current FY: \$0.00  
Next FY: \$0.00

### 18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

### 18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$45,500.00

### 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

<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	\$500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$46,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.40

**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. Currently we are in the process of recruiting new members, we have 2 permanent members and 1 replacement member vacancy in Category B and in Category C we have 1 permanent and 1 replacement member vacancy.

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

The RAC will meet 1 - 2 times per year.

**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 RAC meeting activity for FY20. North Wisconsin Resource Advisory Committee new in FY19. Plans to seat members in FY21.

## Designated Federal Officer

Adam Felts Special Authorities Program Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Abel, Cad	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Representative Member
Bednar-Clemens, Jodie	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Lawyer	Representative Member
Johnson, Thomas	10/18/2019	08/16/2020	Member-Theodore Roosevelt Association Conservation Partnership (historical societies)	Representative Member
Leighton, John	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association	Representative Member
Neuswanger, David	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Retired WIDNR Fisheries Supervisor	Representative Member
Raspotink, Duane	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Bayfield County Economic Development Coporation	Representative Member
Smith, Patrick	10/18/2019	08/16/2020	Board Member-Florence County Board of Supervisors	Representative Member
Wager, David	10/18/2019	08/16/2020	Vice-President-Wolf River Lakes and Streams Association (watershed association)	Representative Member
Wrobel, Alexandra	10/18/2019	12/07/2020	Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

## 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 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
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable.

**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**

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

No meeting data for RAC in FY20.

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

%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or**

**will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

**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 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



**Access Comments**