

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: North Wisconsin Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

North Wisconsin Resource Advisory  
Committee

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

84585

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

12/19/2023 12/19/2025

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

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

### 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?

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

12/20/2018 Continuing

### 14. Committee Type

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 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
<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 interest 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 have no member vacancies.

**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

The North Wisconsin RAC members, seated in FY2022, held one decision-making meeting in FY2023 (5/3). 13 projects were recommended for future implementation, utilizing approx. \$685,000.

## Designated Federal Officer

Adam Felts Special Authorities Program Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Berg, John	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Price County Historical Society –Board Member	Representative Member
Borchardt, Susan	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	WLIA –Wisconsin Land Information Association & Friends of the Wolf River	Representative Member
Connor, Sara	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Researcher: Special projects on Energy and Biomass Energy, Connor Timber Associates, Laona, WI. Converting Wood Biomass into Energy, Biofuel and Power for Sustainable Energy	Representative Member
Edwards, Andrew	10/21/2021	10/29/2025	Wildlife Biologist for the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Representative Member
Engelbreton, James	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	School Teacher - Retired	Representative Member
Ferris, Mark	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Exec Director of Forest County Economic Development Committee	Representative Member
Gobert, Michelle	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	School District of Crandon-President	Representative Member
Kircher, Steve	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Forest County	Representative Member

Kirchmeyer, Richard	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Wisconsin Bowhunters Association-Board Member & Wisconsin Trappers Association-State Secretary	Representative Member
Pethers, Sheryl	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Member of the Ruffed Grouse Society	Representative Member
Raspotnik, Sandra	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Town of Washburn –Chairperson	Representative Member
Severson, Henry	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Sustainable Forestry Management of 1600 acres of Timberfor hunting and recreation	Representative Member
Skinner, Cynthia	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Doctoral degree in Education with a research emphasis in outdoor education	Representative Member
Smith, Patrick	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Florence County Forestry and Parks	Representative Member
Wager, David	10/29/2021	10/29/2025	Camp Leader	Representative Member

### Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

### 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	<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

NA

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

27

### Number of Recommendations Comments

14 projects in FY22 and 13 projects in FY23 (impacting various resources); 6 projects are fully implemented, and 21 projects are partially implemented.

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

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

22%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

6 projects are fully implemented.

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

78%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

21 projects are partially implemented.

**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 (DFO) regularly report to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also regularly reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports or presentations at committee meeting/s and through formal correspondence (Mercury).

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

North Wisconsin RAC recommended more projects in FY2023, 13 projects for future implementation.

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 16

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 13

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$684,701

**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**