




DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS J. VILSACK, SECRETARY

THROUGH: Robert Bonnie  
Under Secretary, NRE

MAY 16 2014

FROM:  Thomas L. Tidwell  
Chief

MAY 13 2014

SUBJECT: Extension and Reappointment of the Secure Rural Schools Resource  
Advisory Committees Membership

FILE CODE: 1350

ISSUE:

The Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Resource Advisory Committee's (RACs) current membership needs to be extended and/or reappointed through September 30, 2016, in order to continue carrying out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act), as amended by Public Law 113-40. Title II of the Act calls for local RACs to review, recommend, and monitor special projects on National Forests.

BACKGROUND:

On October 2, 2013, the Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-40) reauthorized and amended the Act. Due to various challenges, including the late timing of the reauthorization, and attracting highly qualified candidates to apply for membership and committing to a large amount of their time, implementation deadlines have been severely shortened. There are many RACs that do not have enough members for a quorum and more terms that are expiring throughout 2014. The number of terms expiring exceeds our ability to outreach, review, nominate, get clearance, and appoint new members in time to successfully obligate funds for new projects. Therefore, the agency needs to assist the RACs to insure that the Title II funds are obligated by September 30, 2014.

The purpose of the RACs are 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. Successful Title II implementation enhances local community and agency relationships.

From 2008 through 2012, \$204 million in Title II funds was allocated to the Forest Service to provide jobs in rural communities on projects that maintain or enhance the health of watersheds, wildlife and fisheries habitat, and forest ecosystems on National Forests. The RACs review, recommend, and monitor Title II projects. The SRS statute establishes a 4-year term for RAC members, and allows the Secretary to appoint members to subsequent 4-year terms. In order to





meet the very constricted timeline in the reauthorization, options need to be considered to assist with RAC functionality.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the extension of current member's terms, through September 30, 2016, to allow the RACs to continue reviewing, recommending, and monitoring projects for Title II funds; and
2. Approve the reappointments of members, whose terms have expired, through September 30, 2016, to allow the RACs to continue reviewing, recommending, and monitoring current project recommendations, and review and make new recommendations for the new Insect and Disease portion of the Farm Bill which mentions that RACs can recommend projects.
3. Disapprove the extension of current member terms and/or the reappointment of members whose terms have expired for duration of September 30, 2016. If the extensions and reappointments are not approved, the RACs will not be able to continue reviewing, recommending and monitoring current projects for Title II funds because many will not have enough members to hold meetings. If the funds are not obligated by September 30, 2014, the Act requires the funds be returned to the U.S. Treasury. As a result, approximately \$35 million dollars worth of projects will not be implemented and local employment and rural community economies will not benefit.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Forest Service recommends the approval of the extension of the current member's terms and the reappointment of members whose terms have expired, through September 30, 2016, for the Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees (Options 1 and 2).

DECISION BY THE SECRETARY:

Approve:     *AV*     Date:     6/10/14    

Disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure





DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THOMAS J. VILSACK, SECRETARY

THROUGH:

Robert Bonnie  
Under Secretary, NRE

JUN 6 2014

FROM:

Thomas L. Tidwell  
Chief

JUN - 2 2014

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Members to the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource  
Advisory Committee; a Resource Advisory Committee of the Southern  
Region

**ISSUE**

Members need to be appointed to the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), located in the Southern Region. The RAC carries out the requirements of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended by Public Law 112-141.

**SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AND NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-393) (Act), as amended by Public Law 112-141 enables the Secretary of Agriculture to restore eligible Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) for the Forest Service, established before September 29, 2011. The Act was reauthorized in October 2013. Funds were distributed among all three Titles: Title II funds will be available to help provide jobs in rural communities on projects that maintain or enhance the health of watersheds, wildlife and fisheries habitat and forest ecosystems.

The purposes of the RACs are 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. In June 2012, the Secretary approved and filed a new charter for these RACs to continue their monitoring responsibilities as authorized in the previous Act. The RAC is made up of 15 members. The RAC members shall represent the community interests in the following three broad categories of the Act: Category A—1) organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; 2) developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; 3) energy and mineral development, or commercial or recreational fishing interests; 4) commercial timber industry; and 5) grazing permits or other land use permits or represent non-industrial private forest land owners, within the area for which the committee is organized; Category B—1) nationally recognized environmental organizations; 2) regionally or locally recognized





environmental organizations; 3) dispersed recreational activities; 4) archaeological and historical interests; and 5) national or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations; Category C—1) state-elected officials or designee; 2) county or local-elected officials; 3) American Indian Tribes within, or adjacent to, the area for which the committee is organized; 4) school officials or teachers; and 5) the affected public-at-large. In addition, the charter requires that one representative be appointed for each of the three broad categories to serve as a replacement should a vacancy occur. The term of office for each member is 4 years.

### **STEPS TAKEN TO INCREASE OUTREACH**

Please see Outreach Summary included in this package (left side).

### **CLEARANCE PROCESS**

A list of nominees was submitted to the White House Liaison's office for clearance. The nominees were cleared on April 28, 2014 and May 14, 2014. As part of the clearance process, the Department also certified that none of the nominees to the Board are federally registered lobbyists.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The agency carefully reviewed the nominees for the appointments on the Francis Marion-Sumter RAC and has indicated their recommendations on the enclosed candidate slate. We recommend that you appoint the nominees whose names are in bold on the enclosed candidate slate as members of the Francis Marion-Sumter RAC.



**FRANCIS MARION-SUMTER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CANDIDATE SLATE**

Names shown in bold are recommended by the Agency.

**Organized Labor or Non-Timber Forest Product Harvester Groups**

Vacant

**Developed Outdoor Recreation, Off-Highway Vehicle Users, or Commercial Recreation Activities**

**Julia A. Fisher**

✓

J. Elizabeth Way

**Natalie C. Britt**

✓

J. Elizabeth Way

**Energy and Mineral Development, or Commercial or Recreational Fishing Groups**

1 incumbent

**Commercial Timber Industry**

**Joseph S. Hudson**

✓

John F. Thurmes

**Federal Grazing Permit or Other Land Use Permit Holders, or Representative of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land Owners, Within the Area for which the Committee is Organized**

**Kathie M. Livingston**

✓

John F. Thurmes

**Category A – Replacement Member**

Vacant

**Nationally Recognized Environmental Organizations**

1 incumbent

**Regionally or Locally Recognized Environmental Organizations**

**Sonia Shahnaj**

✓

Timothy D. Long

\_\_\_\_\_

**Dispersed Recreational Activities**

**William "Freddie" Gault**

✓

Henry C. Turner

\_\_\_\_\_

**Archaeology and History**

**Jennie L. Stephens**

✓

W. Caitlin Totherow

\_\_\_\_\_

**Nationally or Regionally Recognized Wild Horse and Burro Interest, Wildlife or Hunting Organizations, or Watershed Associations**

**Lynn A. Lewis-Weis**

✓

Timothy D. Long

\_\_\_\_\_

**Category B – Replacement Member**

Vacant

**State-Elected Office**

**Dino S. Teppara**

✓

Michael R. King

\_\_\_\_\_

**County or Local-Elected Office**

Vacant

**American Indian Tribes Within or Adjacent to the Area for which the Committee is Organized**

**Wenonah G. Haire**

✓

W. Caitlin Totherow

\_\_\_\_\_

**Area School Officials or Teachers**

1 incumbent

**Affected Public-At-Large**


2 incumbents

**Category C – Replacement Member**

Vacant

**ACTION BY THE SECRETARY**

I hereby appoint the candidates annotated above.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

6/23/14  
Date

If approval cannot be made at this time:

\_\_\_ Disapproved

\_\_\_ Please see me

\_\_\_ Consultation with \_\_\_\_\_ is required before approval can be made.

## CANDIDATE SLATE BACKGROUND DATA

1. Number of vacancies to be filled from the <u>current</u> slate.	10
2. Total number of applications reviewed by the Agency to determine or verify qualifications for the specific vacant position(s) shown on the slate. <sup>1</sup>	19
3. Total number of applicants, from line #2, deemed to meet the minimum qualifications to serve on the board or committee.	18
4. Total number of applicants selected to become candidates on the slate.	17
<b>Of the qualified applicants (from line 3 above):</b>	
5. Number who did <u>not</u> pass vetting within the last six months. (These applicants are not counted below.)	1
6. Number who declined to answer question #7 on the AD-755 Application Form at all.	1
7. For all qualified applicants who completed question #7 on the AD-755 Application Form, their responses are tallied below:	
<b>Race or Ethnicity</b>	<b>Male</b>
Hispanic or Latino	1
Not Hispanic or Latino	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian	1
Black or African American	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
White	5
Unknown	1
Two or more races	1
Totals	7
<p>Other Data: One person refused to give out his social security number, so he was removed from the applicant pool and one member was not approved through the vetting process.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> Applications may have been considered from multiple sources, received before or during the most recent call(s) for nominations, however the application form was completed or updated within the last six months.)



## **Forest Service**

# **CHARTER**

### **1. Committee's Official Designation**

Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees.

The Federal advisory committees referenced in this charter are collectively known as Secure Rural Schools Resource Advisory Committees (RACs). The official designation (title) of each RAC and its estimated annual operating expenses and staff support are shown in an addendum to this charter.

Each Secure Rural Schools RAC shall operate in accordance with this charter. This charter and its addendum shall be filed by the Committee Management Officer with the Secretary of Agriculture, the appropriate Congressional committees, the Library of Congress and the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat and posted for each committee in the Committee Management Secretariat's Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) data base.

### **2. Authority**

Each Secure Rural Schools RAC is established pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C.A. 7125, hereafter referred to as the Act, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C., App.2.

### **3. Objectives and Scope of Activities**

The purpose of each RAC is 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.

### **4. Description of Duties**

Each RAC shall be solely advisory in nature. Advice or recommendations of the RAC shall be given only with respect to the purposes of the committee as defined in the Act. All activities of the RAC shall be conducted in an open, transparent and accessible manner.

Each RAC shall,

- a. Review projects proposed under Title II of the Act by participating counties and other entities.
- b. Recommend projects and funding for projects, in accordance with section 203 of the Act, to Secretary, responsible for approving and implementing projects authorized by the Act. Agreement by the majority of members in each of the three membership categories of the RAC is required before recommending projects and funding.
- c. Provide early and continuous coordination with appropriate Forest Service officials in recommending projects authorized under Title II of the Act.
- d. Provide frequent opportunities for Tribal governments, participating county governments, citizens, organizations, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning at the early stages of development of projects authorized under Title II of the Act.
- e. Monitor projects that have been approved under Title II of the Act and advise the Designated Federal Officer on the progress and results of the monitoring efforts.
- f. Make recommendations to the Secretary for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the RAC.
- g. Elect by agreement of a simple majority of members, a committee chairperson (or co-chairs) from among the RAC's members. The chair will serve for a term of one year.
- h. By agreement of a simple majority of members, adopt such by-laws, operating guidelines or rules of operation as it deems advisable to perform the duties of the committee, consistent with FACA and other applicable laws and regulations and with the approval of the Designated Federal Officer.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports**

Each RAC reports its recommendations to the Secretary through the Chief of the Forest Service.

6. **Support**

Administrative support for each Secure Rural Schools RAC will be provided by the Forest Service.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years**

The estimated annual operating expenses and staff support for each RAC are shown in the addendum to this charter.

In accordance with the Act, members of the RAC shall serve without compensation. RAC members and replacements may be allowed travel expenses and per diem for attendance at committee meetings as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703 if sufficient funds authorized for such uses are available as determined by the Forest Supervisor responsible for administrative support to the RAC. Reimbursement, if any, will be

consistent with procedures and rates applicable to Forest Service employees in travel status.

**8. Designated Federal Officer**

A permanent Federal employee is to be appointed in accordance with agency procedures and will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The duties of the DFO are to:

- a. Call and convene each meeting of the RAC, including publication of notices of RAC meetings as required by FACA and the Act.
- b. Attend each meeting of the RAC.
- c. Chair RAC meetings in the absence of the RAC's elected chair or co-chair; or when otherwise directed to do so by the Secretary.
- d. Prepare and approve all meeting agendas in coordination with the RAC chair.
- e. Review and approve the RAC's by-laws, operating guidelines or rules of operation.
- f. Maintain RAC records consistent with FACA regulations.
- g. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.
- h. Remove inactive members from the RAC.
- i. Call into service as a RAC member an appropriate replacement member who has been vetted, approved and appointed by the Secretary.
- j. Provide information to the RAC about FACA, the Act and other laws, regulations and policies relevant to the RAC's activities and the proposed projects under review by the RAC.
- k. Transmit the recommendations of the RAC to the Secretary, through the Forest Service.

**9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**

The RAC will meet as often as necessary to perform its duties, generally one to four times per year, in a location and facility accessible to the public.

RAC meetings will be convened only with the prior approval of the DFO and with an agenda approved by the DFO.

As required by the Act, all meetings of the RAC shall be open to the public. Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the RAC as time permits, and file written comments with the RAC.

A simple majority of the members from each category of the RAC must be present to constitute an official meeting of the RAC. Attendance may be in-person, by telephone, or other electronic means.



In accordance with FACA regulations, notice of each meeting shall be published in the Federal Register at least 15 days before the meeting. In accordance with the Act, notice of each meeting shall be published in the local newspaper of record at least one week in advance of the meeting. RAC members will be notified personally of the date, time, and place of each meeting.

10. **Duration**

Continuing.

11. **Termination**

In accordance with FACA and departmental regulations this charter will expire two years from the date of filing and may be renewed if authorized by legislation.

12. **Membership and Designation**

Each RAC will be fairly balanced in its membership in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed. Steps will be taken to encourage fresh points of view, such as establishing staggered membership terms and limiting the number of renewed memberships.

Nominees will be sought through an open and public process that includes, but is not limited to, nominees submitted by tribal governments, county governments, organizations and individuals who represent the interests specified in the Act.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) policies shall be followed in all appointments to the committee. To help ensure that the recommendations of the RAC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals from diverse groups (women, men, racial and ethnic minorities, and persons with disabilities).

The USDA prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

In accordance with the Act, each RAC shall be comprised of 15 members who provide balanced and broad representation from within each of the following three categories of interests specified in the Act:

- a. Five persons who represent:
  - i. organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;
  - ii. developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
  - iii. energy and mineral development, or commercial or recreational fishing interests;
  - iv. commercial timber industry; or
  - v. Federal grazing permits or other land use permit holders or represent non-industrial private forest land owners within the area for which the committee is organized.
- b. Five persons who represent
  - i. nationally recognized environmental organizations;
  - ii. regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
  - iii. dispersed recreational activities;
  - iv. archaeological and historical interests; or
  - v. nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.
- c. Five persons who represent:
  - i. state elected office (or a designee);
  - ii. county or local elected office;
  - iii. American Indian tribes;
  - iv. area school officials or teachers; or
  - v. affected public-at-large.

Members shall reside within the State(s) in which the RAC has jurisdiction. To the extent practical, the membership of each of the three categories will include local representation. .

In accordance with the Act, members and replacements are appointed to four-year terms or reappointed for an additional two years. The term begins on the date of the Secretary's decision to appoint the member or replacement.

The Secretary may appoint a replacement for each of the three membership categories who may serve on the RAC in the event a vacancy arises.

If an appropriate replacement is not available, nominees will be sought through an open and public process and submitted to the Secretary for vetting, approval and appointment.

## 12a. **Ethics**

To maintain the highest levels of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct, no Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) or subcommittee member shall participate in any “specific party matters” (i.e., matters are narrowly focused and typically involve specific transactions between identified parties) such as a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, grant, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct or indirect financial interest. This includes the requirement for RAC or Subcommittee members to immediately disclose to the DFO (for discussion with USDA’s Office of Ethics) any specific party matter in which the member’s immediate family, relatives, business partners or employer would be directly seeking to financially benefit from the RAC’s recommendations. Members of the RAC shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims, grants, or agreements that involve lands or resources administered by the Forest Service, or in any litigation related thereto. For purposes of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holdings of a spouse or a dependent child.

All members will receive ethics training to identify and avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the RAC’s advice and recommendations. Members who are appointed as “Representatives” are not subject to Federal ethics laws because such appointment allows them to represent the point(s) of view of a particular group, business sector or segment of the public.

Members appointed as “Special Government Employees” (SGEs) are considered intermittent Federal employees and are subject to Federal ethics laws. SGEs are appointed due to their personal knowledge, academic scholarship, background or expertise. No SGE may participate in any activity in which the member has a prohibited financial interest. Appointees who are SGEs are required to complete and submit a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE-450 form) and, upon request, USDA will assist SGEs in preparing these financial reports. To ensure the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical standards USDA will provide ethics training to SGEs on an annual basis. The provisions of these paragraphs are not meant to exhaustively cover all Federal ethics laws and do not affect any other statutory or regulatory obligations to which advisory committee members are subject.

## 13. **Subcommittees**

The RAC may create and operate subcommittees as deemed necessary by a simple majority of the RAC members and approved by the DFO. Subcommittees may only conduct preliminary staff work to inform the deliberations of the full RAC; decisions and recommendations may be made only by the parent RAC. Subcommittees must report back to the parent RAC, and must not provide advice, recommendations or work products directly to the Forest Service. Subcommittee activities, advice and work products must be reported in the minutes or other public records of the full RAC.



14. **Recordkeeping**

The records of each RAC, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the RAC, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. Information about each RAC is available online at

[https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure\\_rural\\_schools.nsf](https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf)

Information related to specific project proposals reviewed and recommended by each RAC shall be reported in the Forest Service Secure Rural Schools RAC data base.

15. **Filing Date**

June 10, 2014

## **Forest Service**

### **CHARTER ADDENDUM**

#### **Secure Rural Schools Act Resource Advisory Committees**

##### **Official designation, estimated annual expenses and staff support.**

##### **1. Committees in Alaska Region 10**

- a. Juneau Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$30,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- b. Kenai Peninsula-Anchorage Borough Resource Advisory Committee advising the Chugach National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$30,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- c. Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$17,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- d. Lynn Canal-Icy Strait Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$58,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- e. Prince of Wales Island Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$12,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- f. Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Committee advising the Chugach National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$9,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- g. Sitka Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$25,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- h. Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$54,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- i. Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee advising the Tongass National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$28,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.

##### **2. Committees in Eastern Region 9**

- a. Allegheny Resource Advisory Committee advising the Allegheny National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.

- b. Chequamegon Resource Advisory Committee advising the Chequamegon National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$48,700; estimated annual staff support: 0.4 full time equivalents.
- c. Chippewa Resource Advisory Committee advising the Chippewa National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$24,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- d. Eleven Point Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mark Twain National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- e. Gogebic Resource Advisory Committee advising the Ottawa National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- f. Hiawatha East Resource Advisory Committee advising the Hiawatha National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- g. Hiawatha West Resource Advisory Committee advising the Hiawatha National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- h. Huron-Manistee Resource Advisory Committee advising the Huron and Manistee National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$19,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- i. Nicolet Resource Advisory Committee advising the Nicolet National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$2,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- j. Ontonagon Resource Advisory Committee advising the Ottawa National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- k. Superior Resource Advisory Committee advising the Superior National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- l. West Virginia Resource Advisory Committee advising the George Washington, Jefferson and Monongahela National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$20,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.

### **3. Committees in Intermountain Region 4**

- a. Ashley Resource Advisory Committee advising the Ashley and Wasatch National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$16,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- b. Bridger-Teton Resource Advisory Committee advising the Bridger and Teton National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$20,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- c. Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee advising the Challis, Salmon and Targhee National Forests and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$20,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.



- d. Dixie Resource Advisory Committee advising the Dixie and Fishlake National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$16,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- e. Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee advising the Caribou, Targhee and Sawtooth National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- f. Elko Resource Advisory Committee advising the Humboldt National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$27,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- g. Fishlake Resource Advisory Committee advising the Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-La Sal and Uinta National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$16,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- h. Humboldt (NV) Resource Advisory Committee advising the Humboldt National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$27,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- i. Lyon-Mineral Resource Advisory Committee advising the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$27,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- j. Manti-La Sal Resource Advisory Committee advising the Manti-La Sal and Uinta National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$8,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- k. South Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee advising the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- l. Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee advising the Boise, Payette, Salmon and Sawtooth National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- m. Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Resource Advisory Committee advising the Cache, Uinta and Wasatch National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$22,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- n. White Pine-Nye Resource Advisory Committee and advising the Humboldt and Toiyabe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$27,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.

#### **4. Committees in Northern Region 1**

- a. Central Montana Resource Advisory Committee advising the Gallatin, Helena and Lewis and Clark National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$39,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- b. Flathead Resource Advisory Committee advising the Flathead, Kootenai and Lolo National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$12,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- c. Gallatin Resource Advisory Committee advising the Beaverhead and Gallatin National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$24,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.

- d. Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee advising the Clearwater, Coeur d'Alene, Kaniksu, Kootenai and St. Joe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$28,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- e. Lincoln Resource Advisory Committee advising the Kootenai, Kaniksu and Flathead National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- f. Mineral Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lolo National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$30,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- g. Missoula Resource Advisory Committee advising the Bitterroot, Flathead and Lolo National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$16,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- h. Missouri River Resource Advisory Committee advising the Helena, Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Lolo National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$12,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- i. North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee advising the Bitterroot, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Payette, Salmon, St Joe and Wallowa National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- j. Ravalli Resource Advisory Committee advising the Bitterroot and Lolo National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$44,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.8 full time equivalents.
- k. Sanders Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lolo, Kaniksu and Kootenai National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$3,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- l. Southern Montana Resource Advisory Committee advising the Custer, Gallatin, and Lewis and Clark National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$24,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- m. Southwest Montana Resource Advisory Committee advising the Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Helena and Gallatin National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$8,300; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- n. Tri-County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Helena and Lolo, National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.

## **5. Committees in Pacific Northwest Region 6**

- a. Columbia Resource Advisory Committee advising the Umatilla National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- b. Colville Resource Advisory Committee advising the Colville and Kaniksu National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,700; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.

- c. Deschutes and Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee advising the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$21,700; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- d. Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee advising the Fremont and Winema National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$104,100; estimated annual staff support: 1.8 full time equivalents.
- e. Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mt. Hood and Willamette National Forests and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$35,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- f. North Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory Committee advising the Gifford Pinchot and Snoqualmie National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$45,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- g. North Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mt. Baker National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$4,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- h. Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee advising the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$98,000; estimated annual staff support: 1.0 full time equivalent.
- i. Olympic Peninsula Resource Advisory Committee advising the Olympic National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- j. Rogue and Umpqua Resource Advisory Committee advising the Rogue, Umpqua, and Klamath National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$80,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.9 full time equivalents.
- k. Siskiyou (OR) Resource Advisory Committee advising the Siskiyou National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$14,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- l. Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee advising the Siuslaw National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- m. Snohomish County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mt. Baker and Snoqualmie National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$5,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- n. South Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory Committee, advising the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$56,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.7 full time equivalents.
- o. South Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Resource Advisory Committee advising the Snoqualmie National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$5,200; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- p. Southeast Washington Forest Resource Advisory Committee, advising the Umatilla National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.

- q. Wenatchee-Okanogan Resource Advisory Committee advising the Okanogan, Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$30,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.

## **6. Committees in Pacific Southwest Region 5**

- a. Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Eldorado, Stanislaus and Toiyabe National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- b. Amador County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Eldorado National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$8,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- c. Butte County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Plumas National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$33,900; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- d. Del Norte County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Siskiyou and Six Rivers National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- e. El Dorado County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Eldorado National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$50,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- f. Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$35,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.8 full time equivalents.
- g. Glenn and Colusa Counties Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mendocino National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- h. Humboldt County (CA) Resource Advisory Committee advising the Six Rivers and Trinity National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$19,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- i. Kern and Tulare Counties Resource Advisory Committee advising the Inyo, Los Padres and Sequoia National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- j. Lake County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mendocino National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- k. Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lassen, Modoc, Plumas and Toiyabe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$19,300; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- l. Madera County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Inyo and Sierra National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$12,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- m. Mendocino County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mendocino National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$4,200; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.



- n. Modoc County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Modoc and Shasta National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$43,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.4 full time equivalents.
- o. Nevada and Placer Counties Resource Advisory Committee advising the Eldorado, Tahoe and Toiyabe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,200; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- p. Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lassen, Plumas and Tahoe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$11,300; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- q. Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lassen, Shasta and Trinity National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- r. Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Plumas and Tahoe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- s. Siskiyou County (CA) Resource Advisory Committee advising the Klamath, Modoc, Rogue River, Shasta and Six Rivers National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$80,700; estimated annual staff support: 1.0 full time equivalent.
- t. Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Lassen, Mendocino and Trinity National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$8,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- u. Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee advising the Mendocino, Shasta, Six Rivers and Trinity National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- v. Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties Resource Advisory Committee advising the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$12,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.

## **7. Committees in Rocky Mountain Region 2**

- a. Bighorn Resource Advisory Committee advising the Bighorn National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$3,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- b. Custer Resource Advisory Committee advising the Black Hills National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,100; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- c. GMUG Resource Advisory Committee advising the Grand Mesa, Gunnison, Uncompahgre and White River National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- d. Lawrence Resource Advisory Committee advising the Black Hills National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- e. Medicine Bow-Routt Resource Advisory Committee advising the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$17,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.

- f. Pennington Resource Advisory Committee advising the Black Hills National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- g. Pike-San Isabel Resource Advisory Committee advising the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$19,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- h. Saguache Resource Advisory Committee advising Gunnison, Rio Grande and San Isabel National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$13,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- i. San Juan Resource Advisory Committee advising the San Juan National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- j. Shoshone Resource Advisory Committee advising the Shoshone National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$7,600; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- k. Upper Rio Grande Resource Advisory Committee advising the Rio Grande National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$9,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.

## **8. Committees in Southern Region 8**

- a. Cherokee Resource Advisory Committee advising the Cherokee National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$15,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- b. Daniel Boone Resource Advisory Committee advising the Daniel Boone National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$19,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- c. Davy Crockett Resource Advisory Committee advising the Davy Crockett National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$24,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- d. Delta Bienville Resource Advisory Committee advising the Delta and Bienville National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- e. DeSoto Resource Advisory Committee advising the DeSoto National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- f. Florida National Forests Resource Advisory Committee advising the Apalachicola, Ocala and Osceola National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$37,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- g. Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee advising the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$32,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.4 full time equivalents.
- h. Holly Springs-Tombigbee Resource Advisory Committee advising Holly Springs and Tombigbee National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$10,800; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.

- i. Kisatchie Resource Advisory Committee advising the Kisatchie National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$30,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- j. Ozark-Ouachita Resource Advisory Committee advising Ouachita, Ozark and St. Francis National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$9,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- k. Sabine-Angelina Resource Advisory Committee advising the Angelina and Sabine National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$26,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- l. Southwest Mississippi Resource Advisory Committee advising the Homochitto National Forest. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$6,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.1 full time equivalents.
- m. Virginia Resource Advisory Committee advising the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$32,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.

**9. Committees in Southwestern Region 3**

- a. Coconino Resource Advisory Committee advising the Coconino, Kaibab, Prescott and Sitgreaves National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$41,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.3 full time equivalents.
- b. Eastern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee advising the Apache, Coconino Coronado, Sitgreaves and Tonto National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$22,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- c. Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee advising the Carson, Cibola and Santa Fe National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$43,400; estimated annual staff support: 0.4 full time equivalents.
- d. Southern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee advising the Coronado and Tonto National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$32,500; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.
- e. Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Committee advising the Apache, Cibola, Gila and Lincoln National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$58,700; estimated annual staff support: 0.5 full time equivalents.
- f. Yavapai Resource Advisory Committee advising the Coconino Kaibab, Prescott and Tonto National Forests. Estimated annual operating expenses: \$27,000; estimated annual staff support: 0.2 full time equivalents.