

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		NUMBER: 1042-147
SUBJECT: BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST ADVISORY BOARD	DATE: January 13, 2003	
	OPI: Forest Service	

1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This regulation establishes the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board, hereafter referred to as the Board. The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations on a broad range of forest issues such as forest plan revisions or amendments, travel management, forest monitoring and evaluation, and site-specific projects having forestwide implications.

2 AUTHORITIES

The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board is established consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. App.); and the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. sec. 1600 et.seq.); and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. sec. 1612).

3 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a This regulation shall expire 2 years from the date of filing unless renewed by proper authority and appropriate action.
- b The Board shall be chartered for 2 years.

4 OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP

- a The membership of the Board shall consist of 15 people, each of whom will represent a particular interest and/or point of view. The committee shall be representative of the Black Hills community interests and fairly balanced. Membership shall be representative of the interests shown in the following three categories:

- (1) Five persons who—
 - (a) Represent an economic development interest;
 - (b) Represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation;
 - (c) Represent energy and mineral development interests;
 - (d) Represent the commercial timber industry; or
 - (e) Hold a Federal grazing permit or other land use permit within the area for which the committee is organized.

- (2) Five persons representing—
 - (a) Nationally recognized environmental organizations;
 - (b) Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
 - (c) Dispersed recreational activities;
 - (d) Archaeological and historical interests; or
 - (e) Nationally or regionally recognized sportsmen's groups, such as anglers or hunters.

- (3) Five persons who—
 - (a) Hold South Dakota-elected office;
 - (b) Hold Wyoming-elected office;
 - (c) Hold county- or local-elected office in South Dakota or Wyoming;
 - (d) Are a tribal government-elected or -appointed official; or
 - (e) Are a State natural resource agency official from South Dakota or Wyoming.

- b The members of the Board shall elect the Chairperson of the Board for a 1-year term.

- c Board members shall serve 2-year terms. Members may be reappointed for a total length of 6 years. No member, other than an officer of the Department may serve more than 6 consecutive years

except as authorized by Departmental Regulation 1041-1, section 11 (4), which requires prior approval of the Committee Management Official.

- d If a Board member fails to attend two consecutive official meetings, the Secretary may remove the member from the Board.
- e The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) shall be the Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest.
- f The Rocky Mountain Regional Forester shall appoint Board members.
- g Equal opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, shall be followed in all membership appointments to the committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.
- h The Rocky Mountain Regional Forester shall appoint one replacement for each membership category. Should a vacancy occur, the replacement must be available to fill the vacancy immediately.
- i To the extent practicable, each of the three categories shall be composed of local residents.

5 DUTIES

- a The Board shall provide timely advice and recommendations to the Secretary through the Forest Supervisor regarding programmatic forest issues and project level issues that have forestwide implications.
- b Consistent with applicable laws and Department regulations, the Board may adopt such by-laws or rules of operation as it deems advisable.
- c The Board may create and operate subcommittees recommended by the members and approved by the Regional Forester or the Designated Federal Officer.
- d The Board shall operate separately from the Crook County (WY) Resource Advisory Council of the Rocky Mountain Region, which

has been established under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. No. 106-393) to review and recommend proposed national forest projects for the Secretary's approval on the portion of the Black Hills National Forest located in Crook County (Wyoming) for the Secretary's approval.

- e The Board shall operate separately from representatives of cooperating agencies assisting with Phase II of the Forest Plan Amendment, whose authority and scope of duties are derived from the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.6).

6 ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS

- a Members of the Committee serve without compensation. Reimbursement for travel and per diem for attendance at Board meetings called by the Chairperson and with an agenda approved by the DFO will be provided for eligible members.
- b Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$36,000 and 30 percent of a staff year of support.

7 NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- a The Board will meet on a periodic basis, as often as is necessary to complete its business.
- b A majority of the members of the Board must be present to constitute an official meeting of the committee.

8 REPORTS/SUPPORT

- a The Board reports to the Secretary of Agriculture through the Forest Supervisor.
- b Support for the Board shall be provided by the Black Hills National Forest.

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