

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

73660

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/18/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/18/2020

7. Expected Term Date

06/18/2020

8a. Was

Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order 13875
"Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees"

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total
Number of
Reports** No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0
Open

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
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
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The BLM's Albuquerque District RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Albuquerque District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

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

The RAC did not meet in FY2020. All past

meetings have been timely and relevant to actions occurring within the Albuquerque District.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This may require the RAC to, at the direction of the designated Federal officer, gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public comments, and provide advice on the issues presented.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM New Mexico website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (73660) (RAC) was consolidated with the Farmington (73659) District Advisory Council into a single Northern New Mexico (84600) Resource Advisory Council effective June 17, 2020. The Albuquerque District RAC did not conduct any meetings in FY2020, but did incur staff time costs processing applications from the 2019 National Call for Nominations.

Designated Federal Officer

Danita Burns BLM Albuquerque District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Banks, Keith	09/27/2011	01/11/2020	Rancher and Veterinary Pathologist	Representative Member

Boretzky, John	09/21/2018	06/18/2020	Consultant	Representative Member
Brown, Sharon	01/11/2017	01/11/2020	Archaeologist	Representative Member
Duran, Frank	05/15/2019	06/18/2020	Forester	Representative Member
Hand, Anita	01/11/2017	01/11/2020	Catron County Commissioner	Representative Member
Price, Charles	05/15/2019	06/18/2020	Attorney at law	Representative Member
Pugh, Wilfred	05/15/2019	06/17/2020	Operation and Managment	Representative Member
Sertich, Richard	05/15/2019	06/18/2020	Project Development	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council is a citizen advisory council that serves in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in the BLM's Albuquerque District.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input 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

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Albuquerque District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

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

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Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC did not meet in FY 2020 and offered no new recommendations. In 2015, the RAC drafted a letter to the Secretary of the Interior regarding access to private lands being encumbered by wilderness study areas. In 2013, the RAC made a recommendation regarding petrified wood removal limits.

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

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The 2013 recommendation was incorporated into the Rio Puerco Field Office Proposed Final Resource Management Plan, which is in the final approval stages.

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

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Although the 2015 recommendation has not been implemented, the BLM has responded to the RAC to let them know that they would work with landowners on this issue.

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 BLM provides immediate feedback through conversations during RAC meetings and follow-up conversations.

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

Not Applicable

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