

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2067

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/09/2023 11/09/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

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?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309; 43 U.S.C. 1739

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

Presentations on the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, the Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation, and technology and fuels monitoring. The November 20, 2024, field tour is to the BLM's Oregon Wild Horse Corral, which will provide an opportunity to view wild horses and burros gathered from Oregon, California, and Arizona that are being prepared for adoption.

11/19/2024 - 11/20/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) makes recommendations for consideration by BLM officials when planning key management actions. Members are proactive about getting information from resource managers and stakeholder groups so that they can provide informed feedback on programs and projects. Members have specific interest areas and geographic zones that they speak for during RAC discussions.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 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 generally meets 2-4 times per year.

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

This group is chartered by the Secretary of the Interior who has tasked it with independently reviewing land management practices and plans, and among the balanced members (in terms of interest), make formal recommendations which represent an agreed-upon perspective of a diverse group. There are numerous special-interest groups which make similar recommendations, but as a whole, the RAC themselves represent no single interest. As such, this is an invaluable tool with which to review land management practices and to make appropriate recommendations without fear of undue influence by one singular interest or another.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Southeast Oregon RAC met on October 17-18, 2023; June 11-12, 2024; and August 12, 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Todd Forbes Lakeview District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Batty, Thomas	04/28/2022	04/28/2025	Owner/Operator, Tall Town Bike and Camp	Representative Member
Cole, Alison	03/07/2024	03/07/2027	Backcountry guide	Representative Member
Davis, Timothy	01/19/2022	12/26/2027	Director, Friends of the Owyhee	Representative Member

Hedrick, Mary Jo	04/28/2022	04/28/2025	Wildlife Consultant for Ecotrust Forest Management	Representative Member
Hodge, Donald	08/08/2023	08/08/2026	Retired banker	Representative Member
Milburn, Philip	01/19/2022	01/19/2025	Wildlife Biologist	Representative Member
Morgan, Karen	08/08/2023	08/08/2026	Equine primary care and rehabilitation specialist	Representative Member
O'Casey, Michael	04/28/2022	04/28/2025	Oregon Field Representative for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Representative Member
Oleary, Thomas	04/28/2022	04/28/2025	Rancher	Representative Member
Poole, Kenneth	04/28/2022	04/28/2025	Sales and Operations Manager, Campo & Poole Distributing Program Director,	Representative Member
Salvo, Mark	08/08/2023	08/08/2026	Oregon Natural Desert Association	Representative Member
Seward, Gordon	03/07/2024	03/07/2027	Ranch Manager	Representative Member
Shelman, Kristen	08/08/2023	01/01/2025	Agriculture	Representative Member
Shepardson, Stanley	07/23/2018	12/26/2027	Rancher	Representative Member
Tague, Melvin	08/08/2023	08/08/2026	Retired U.S. Forest Service/BLM	Representative Member
Williams, James	08/08/2023	08/08/2026	Lake County Commissioner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The Bureau of Land Management strives to manage public lands for numerous interests. In an effort to achieve that balance, RACs serve an important role in tempering public input and formulating well-thought-out and balanced recommendations to the land management agencies. Additionally, as RAC meetings are open to the public, members of the public are able to attend, allowing for transparency, and to directly address the RAC with specific

concerns. Also, the RAC model allows for self-nomination and general nomination of representatives of numerous interests which affect, and are affected by, public lands. This allows public, special interest groups and others to have an avenue to serve their respective interest while contributing to a collaborative solution which is in turn endorsed and recognized by the land management agencies.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The RAC facilitates dialogue between agency managers and the general public. RAC members bring an array of viewpoints to resource discussions and share policy changes and updates with their stakeholder groups and others.

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 Comments

There has been no formal exploration of any associated cost-savings associated with the Southeast Oregon RAC. However, there is immeasurable value to the land management agencies, as input by way of the representatives can serve to substitute for official surveys of public sentiment related to any number of land management issues. Similarly, the collaborative and consultative service that the RAC provides as a means of interacting with the public also serves to better inform land management agencies of sentiments associated with certain groups or members of the public.

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

47

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC made 1 recommendation in FY 24 - Alternative C (with modifications) for the Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment.

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not all fee increases recommended by the RAC have been 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

Land management agency representatives routinely address the Southeast Oregon RAC

on activities on their respective districts and areas of responsibility. This includes answering questions associated with any land management practices or plans as well as keeping the RAC apprised of the progress, or lack thereof, of any recommendations made by the group--to include updates on implementation.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Access Comments

The BLM provides information to RAC members through as many avenues as possible. Public access is available at BLM offices and online.