

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

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

03/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

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

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings 3 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 3

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The October 16 meeting will consist of a field trip to view the Beatty Butte Wild Horse Training Facility and a local mining claim, departing at 8 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The October 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. A public comment period will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 15-member Southeast Oregon RAC was chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The members represent commodity, conservation, and general interests. They provide advice to BLM and Forest Service resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in southeast Oregon.	10/16/2017	10/17/2017
Agenda items for this meeting include election of 2018 officers; recommendations of management approaches for areas identified by BLM as lands with wilderness characteristics as part of the Vale and Lakeview Districts' respective resource management plan amendment(s) process; national wild horse and burro issues; sage-grouse causal factor analysis; the state sage-grouse resource management plan amendment; tribal consultation; a multi-state fuel breaks project; potential field trips for 2018; and the RAC charter and roles. The 15-member Southeast Oregon RAC is chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The members' diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. The RAC provides advice to BLM resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public lands in southeast Oregon.	03/15/2018	03/16/2018

The Southeast Oregon RAC will take a field tour on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and meet on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. The August 7 field trip will consist of a tour of lands with wilderness characteristics, and existing Wilderness Study Areas in preparation for the RAC to participate in the Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment process. Members of the public who want to participate in the field tour must provide their own transportation. Agenda items for the Wednesday, August 8, meeting include possible management approaches for areas identified by the BLM as lands with wilderness characteristics for a formal recommendation by the Southeast Oregon RAC as part of the Lakeview District's Resource Management Plan Amendment process, development of cross-boundary fuel breaks to protect against wildfire, potential agency changes to sage grouse management, and any other business that may reasonably come before the RAC. 08/07/2018 - 08/08/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	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	\$7,000.00	\$17,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$14,000.00	\$13,000.00
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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
18d. Total	\$22,000.00	\$31,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.30

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?

Meetings are scheduled quarterly, barring an emergency.

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 three times during FY18.

Designated Federal Officer

Jeff Rose Burns District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cunningham, Sean	12/22/2015	12/22/2018	Rancher	Representative Member
Davis, Timothy	07/23/2018	07/23/2021	Friends of the Owyhee	Representative Member
Hiller-Clark, Anne	12/20/2010	01/04/2020	Librarian and Professor	Representative Member
Hodge, Donald	01/23/2012	04/02/2018	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Kesling, Jason	12/23/2010	12/20/2019	Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation Environmental Program Director	Representative Member
Milburn, Philip	12/19/2012	12/22/2018	Wildlife Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Representative Member
Morse, Daniel	12/22/2015	12/22/2018	Conservation Director, Oregon Natural Desert Association	Representative Member
Owens, Mark	07/23/2018	07/23/2021	Harney County Commissioner	Representative Member
Poole, Kenneth	12/23/2016	01/04/2020	Campo and Poole Distributing, owner	Representative Member

Radinovich, Jason	07/23/2018	07/23/2021	Harney County Electric Cooperative	Representative Member
Shepardson, Stan	07/23/2018	07/23/2021	Dentist	Representative Member
Watts, Richard	12/22/2015	07/23/2021	Retired BLM	Representative Member
Weikel, Julie	01/23/2012	04/02/2018	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

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
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

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?

45

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations were submitted in FY18. In FY2017, the council conveyed 1 recommendation to the state director, asking that the RAC be included in the implementation of the Greater Sage Grouse Causal Factor Analysis process; and 1 recommendation to the Lakeview District to discontinue maintenance of the state-owned Highway Well Rest Area. This brings the total of recommendations conveyed during the life of the committee to 45.

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

62%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No recommendations from the SOUTHEAST OREGON RAC were fully implemented in FY2017. The RAC has not been able to meet since its recommendation to the State Director; and the Lakeview District is working with the state to address the Highway Well

Rest Area's maintenance.

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

36%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The recommendations to the agency by the SOUTHEAST OREGON RAC were well received and implementation is in process for both.

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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

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