

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of the Interior		2019	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Western Montana Resource Advisory Council		2058	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	03/05/2018	03/05/2020	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
No	5 U.S.C. Appendix		
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309	10/21/1976	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17b. Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17d. Total Meetings and Dates</b>
No Meetings			

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council provides advice to the BLM on management activities by reviewing those activities either through presentations or field tours and then discussing the BLM's actions and planned activities with BLM field managers.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Western Montana 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 generally held quarterly. They always include discussions of management activities the BLM is currently analyzing or proposing, which is the purpose of the Committee.

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

This committee is necessary to assist the BLM in making sure public concerns and values are considered when management activities are proposed for the public land. The committee members represent diverse and complex interests that otherwise would not come together to consider a broad range of multiple uses for the public lands in RAC's area of jurisdiction. The RAC provides consensus advice to the BLM on those uses.

**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 Montana website, and distributed to local newspapers.

## 21. Remarks

The RAC did not meet in Fiscal Year 2018 due to a lack of a quorum, as required by BLM RAC regulations.

## Designated Federal Officer

Richard Hotaling BLM Western MT District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Belangie-Nye, Jean	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Business Owner	Representative Member
Gorski, Margaret	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Retired Forest Service Employee	Representative Member
Hoffman, Larry	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Mining Consultant	Representative Member
Krueger, David	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	Procurement Forester	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 4**

## Narrative Description

The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council serves as a sounding board for the three BLM field managers in western Montana. They have formed subgroups to tackle issues such as travel management, the Greater sage-grouse management plan, and recreation fee increases. They provide input and advice on a variety of issues.

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

## Outcome Comments

N/A

## 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
- \$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**

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Western Montana 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?**

12

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

No formal recommendations were made in FY 18.

**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**

Most, if not all, of the RAC's recreation fee proposals have been implemented

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

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**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 feedback verbally at meetings through dialogue or question/answer

sessions.

**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**

Information for the Western Montana RAC is provided on the BLM-Montana webpage.