

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Utah Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Utah Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2069

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 11/09/2023 11/09/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? **8b. Specific Termination Authority**

No

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**

Continue

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority **13. Effective Date** **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

10/21/1976 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

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

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

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	\$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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The 15 members of the Utah RAC collaborate and coordinate to provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for 22.8 million acres of Federal public lands in Utah.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Utah RAC is comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following interest groups: Category I - Federal grazing permits or leases; transportation or rights-of-way; developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities; commercial timber industry; or energy and mineral development; Category II - 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 - 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; academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or the public at large.

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

Generally, the Utah RAC meets approximately two to three times annually. The RAC meetings are very relevant to the BLM as the RAC members discuss current land management issues facing BLM Utah and make recommendations for action to the State Director.

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

RAC members are carefully selected based on expertise, experience, and overall familiarity with public land management issues. The RAC is needed to provide advice to the BLM's Utah State Director on resource and land management issues. In addition, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) requires the Department of Agriculture and Interior to establish a Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) to provide advice and recommendations on recreation fees and fee areas in each State or region for Federal recreational lands and waters managed by the BLM or U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The law allows agencies to use existing RACs or establish new RRACs. For the State of Utah, the existing statewide BLM Utah RAC is designated to perform RRAC responsibilities

pertaining to both BLM and USFS managed Federal lands and waters per the national interagency agreement between the USFS and BLM.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC met on October 19, 2022; January 18, 2023; May 17-18, 2023; and August 15-16, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Gregory Sheehan BLM Utah State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Benally, Ryan	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Adult Education Program	Representative Member
			Coordinator, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: White Mesa Education	
Clark, Neal	01/11/2023	01/11/2026	Wildlands Director, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance	Representative Member
			Rich County Commissioner	
Cox, William	10/17/2018	03/23/2025	Director of Business	Representative Member
Cuch, Cameron	01/11/2023	01/11/2026	Development and Regulatory Affairs for Finley Resources, Inc	Representative Member
Draney, Richard	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Draper, Dean	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Hayes, Joan	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Hearty, Patrick	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Koontz, Clifton	10/17/2018	03/23/2025	Executive Director, Ride with Respect	Representative Member
			Owner/Operator Cattle Rancher	
Tanner, Jay	01/12/2016	01/11/2026		Representative Member

Thompson, Tyler	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Watershed Program Director for the Utah Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Weston, Simeon	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Rancher	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The BLM's Utah RAC is an effective partner in helping resolve public land issues that affect the quality of life in the West. The Utah RAC has been an excellent way to keep citizens engaged in the resource issues facing the public lands.

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 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 Utah RAC serves as an independent group that represents all resources and strives to balance its recommendations. RAC members build trust because they are an authorized entity but not an integrated part of the Federal government. Their expertise results in quality recommendations for implementation by the BLM.

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 Utah 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

In FY23, the Utah RAC make 7 recommendations. The RAC recommended (2) new cabin fees, (1) cabin fee increase, (1) new group picnic site fee for the Fishlake National Forest and recommended (1) fee increase for the Rocky Peak Campground to the U.S. Forest Service. The RAC also recommended approval of (1) Grand County Sand Flats Recreation Fee Proposal and (1) Grand County Sand Flats Recreation Fee Proposal.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

All recommendations fully 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

Not Applicable

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 during presentations to the RAC by BLM managers. The BLM also provides feedback via email messages, mail, and telephone calls. The RAC chair also meets with the BLM Utah State Director regularly.

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

Access Comments

The BLM provides hard copies of documentation upon request.

