2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council	2040

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/28/2023	09/28/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	43 USC 1701	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 309	10/21/1976	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

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	$109.40	$8,000.00
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	$500.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	$0.00	$0.00
18e. Total Costs	$109.40	$8,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.01	0.10

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (RAC) develops recommendations for BLM through the Designated Federal Official with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within Royal Gorge, Gunnison, and San Luis Valley Field Offices. The RAC also develops

amenity recreation fee recommendations for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service. All recommendations are made through RAC meetings and workshops where the members convey public opinion and guidance on public land issues. The BLM strongly considers RAC members' recommendations and advice on public land management issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The RAC is composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as representatives balanced among the following three interest areas: Category 1 includes individuals 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 2 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; and Category 3 includes state, county, or locally elected office holders, employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, members of Indian Tribes, persons employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or those who represent the public-at-large.

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

The RAC typically meets 2-4 times per year. Meetings are typically held once a quarter, and when appropriate, held on-site to discuss a specific local issue such as water rights or land

management prescriptions. Meeting topics are generally based on current issues and therefore recommendations are timely and relevant. These topics may include the Eastern Colorado RMP, Browns Canyon NM RMP, bighorn sheep habitat and domestic sheep grazing, homeless populations on public lands, proposals for new recreation site fees, and/or trespass and range management.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?
RAC members are important in involving public opinion in the BLM decision-making process. The RAC represents a diverse and well-informed cross-section of the public and provides advice and recommendations on public land management issues. RAC members are often more familiar with public land management issues than the general public, but are able to represent public concerns and bring a different yet informed perspective to the BLM. RAC members interact with the public and their stakeholder groups to encourage input and participation at meetings. This often helps with the resolution of local issues.

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 Colorado website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks
The RAC did not meet in FY 2026.

Designated Federal Officer
Chris Ziegler Acting BLM Rocky Mountain District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Collins, Kelly	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Cooper, Daryl	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Environmental and Regulatory Consultant	Representative Member
Estep, April	02/05/2024	02/05/2027	Biologist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Representative Member
Gillespie, Joshua	02/05/2024	02/05/2027	Owner of Gillespie Cattle Co.	Representative Member
Koepsell, Arthur	02/10/2020	06/01/2026	State Agency Rep	Representative Member
Larimer, Jon	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Fishing guide	Representative Member
Lucrezi, Gina	08/14/2024	08/14/2027	Town of Buena Vista's Board of Trustees	Representative Member
Stagner, Kevin	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Rancher	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The RAC brings additional public opinion and involvement to the BLM. Rocky Mountain RAC members are often more familiar with public land management issues than the general public. They are better able to represent public concerns and often bring a different perspective to the Designated Federal Officer and other BLM employees.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☑
Trust in government	☑
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	☑

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☑
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

The RAC meetings give the public an additional opportunity to provide comments and discuss issues with RAC members and BLM employees. This can result in issues being resolved before they become significant problems. Additionally, this interaction can create solutions to problems.

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

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Rocky Mountain 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?

33

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC did not meet and made no recommendation in FY 2026.

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

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
Most RAC recommendations are implemented, and when they are not, the BLM talks through the reasons why the recommendation cannot be implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
In past years, the RAC has made recommendations that the BLM has considered but not implemented. An example is the recommendation the RAC made for the Royal Gorge Field Office to conduct another environmental impact statement for the Over the River Project when the proponent asked for a schedule change. Most RAC recommendations are implemented, and when they are not, the BLM discusses why the recommendations cannot be 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
BLM Colorado provides feedback through manager updates given at every RAC meeting. This gives the BLM opportunities to notify RAC members of pressing and topical issues. Another avenue for agency feedback is in the old business part of the agenda for each meeting. The BLM offers updates to what was discussed at previous meetings.

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

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☑
Other	☑

Action Comments
The RAC provides amenity fee recommendations to the BLM and U.S. Forest Service. The BLM management has made better informed decisions regarding public land

management given the RAC's active roles in their individual communities.

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

Access Comments
A webpage is maintained on BLM-Colorado's external homepage, with the RAC and Recreation RAC meeting announcements, minutes, Federal Register Notices, charter, membership makeup, and news releases regarding RAC meetings and call for nominations to the RAC, recreation RAC protocol, business cycle and meeting minutes, and letters of recommendation.