

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arizona Resource Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arizona Resource Advisory  
Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

2051

### 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 8c. Actual Term Date

No

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 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. 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 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

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### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18e. Total Costs</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 Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has worked for the last several years on a number of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) programmatic issues, including ongoing land use planning efforts and associated travel management plans. The RAC also serves as the Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) and has implemented a process to review and make recommendations to the Designated Federal Official for BLM and the U.S. Forest Service for recreation fee proposals as required by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004.

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

The RAC is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I - 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 - 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, 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 typically meets quarterly. RAC meetings have generated some positive dialogue on issues concerning local and statewide constituents, including shared conservation stewardship; recreation and public access; support for local economies and jobs; working landscapes; wild horse and burro management; ongoing land use planning efforts in Arizona; the U.S./Mexico border land issues; Arizona water strategy; energy projects; and travel management planning. The meetings continue to provide the RAC and public participants with current information on BLM programs and policies, including the implementation of the new administration priorities.

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

The purpose of the RAC is to enable Arizona citizens to have a meaningful say in how public lands are managed for multiple use. The RAC provides advice on a broad array of resource, economic and social issues that confront land managers and local communities. The local stakeholders provide important perspective on how public lands can be best managed for the benefit of the American people.

**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 Arizona public website and social media sites and distributed to local media statewide.

## 21. Remarks

The Arizona RAC met on February 28-29, 2024, April 24-25, 2024, and July 16, 2024.

## Designated Federal Officer

Raymond M Suazo BLM Arizona State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baden, Eileen	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Park and Open Space Planner, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department	Representative Member
Baumgardt, Paul	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Energy and Mineral Development	Representative Member
Brake, Leland (Bill)	01/17/2017	09/05/2026	Ranch Owner	Representative Member
Broscheid, Robert	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Executive Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails	Representative Member
Bunnell, Jill	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Principal Consultant, Alpine Environmental Resources	Representative Member
David, Paul	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Graham County Supervisor, District 1	Representative Member
Divine, Aaron	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Professor-North Arizona University	Representative Member
Ellingson, Allison	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Mohave Electric Cooperative's Chief Communications Officer	Representative Member
Engle, Julie	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	CEO and President of Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation	Representative Member
Horstman, Patrice	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Coconino County Supervisor District 1	Representative Member
Howery, Larry	03/23/2022	03/23/2025	Professor	Representative Member

Quigley, Michael	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Arizona State Director, The Wilderness Society	Representative Member
Sanders, John	01/08/2016	09/05/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Torrens, Sharma	09/02/2020	09/05/2026	Conservation Specialist, Central Arizona Land Trust	Representative Member
Trussell, Steve	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Executive Director of the AZ Rock Products Association and Arizona Mining Association	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### **Narrative Description**

The Arizona RAC is a collaborative partner with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to provide advice on its multiple use resource programs on Arizona public lands from a stakeholder, environmental, and industry perspective. The RAC is very involved in helping the BLM meet its strategic goals of resource protection, resource use, recreation, and serving communities. The RAC has contributed its leadership and expertise in several priority areas of BLM Arizona's public land management, including the implementation of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Administration, developing land use and travel management plans, promoting recreational opportunities, providing advice on access and off-highway vehicle use issues and resolutions, and providing advice on BLM Arizona strategies for renewable energy development, water, WH&B, the National Landscape Conservation System, and border security.

### **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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

Recommendations have assisted BLM Arizona with the development of program strategies that promote effective natural resource management under the context of the BLM's multiple use mission and legal and budget restraints. These include strategies for Arizona water, border, tribal, recreation, energy, partnerships, volunteers, and the National Landscape Conservation System.

### 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

Although there is an associated cost of travel and per diem reimbursements for most RAC members, as well as the cost of federal employee support of the RAC, the wealth of knowledge, expertise, and experience they provide is extremely valuable and helpful to the BLM in managing and maintaining the health and productivity of Arizona's public lands and ensuring the bureau remains responsive to citizens.

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

69

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC made 24 fee recommendations in FY 24. They include the U.S. Forest Service fee proposals for the Bulldog Canyon, the Rolls, the Lower Sycamore, the Desert Vista, and the St. Clair OHV Permit Zones within the Tonto National Forest. The RAC approved new fees at Dry Creek, Fay Canyon, Mescal, Bell, Bruce Brockett, and Lava River Cave sites within the Coconino National Forest. The RAC approved new recreation fees at four developed recreation sites within the Coronado National Forest. The RAC approved new fees at the White Spar Trailhead, Bean Peaks Trailhead, Skidmore Day Use, Playground Group Campground, Grief Hill Trailhead, Black Canyon Fishing, Bignotti Picnic Ground, and Beasley Flat Picnic Ground within the Prescott National Forest.

**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**

Not all of the recommended recreation fees have been implemented to-date by the U.S. Forest Service.

**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 Arizona management team provides the RAC with comprehensive feedback on how it uses the RAC recommendations in its Arizona strategies and specific management actions. The BLM also invites the RAC to get more specifically involved in the implementation phase of resource management plans and/or development of environmental analyses documents. In addition, the Recreation RAC receives periodic review of recreational fee issues and request for advice before formal fee proposals come to their full RAC meetings.



**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**

BLM-Arizona managers take RAC feedback into account, especially regarding the use of best practices in natural resource management processes. BLM managers highly regard the RAC's input into land use planning, allocation of resources, setting priorities and decision making in general.

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

**Access Comments**

A webpage is maintained on BLM-Arizona'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.

