

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council		75232	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/03/2016	11/03/2018	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
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. 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 FiscalYear		
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
No Meetings	0	0	0

	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	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$700.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

18d. Total	\$1,000.00	\$19,700.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.02	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The RAC offers advice to the BLM and serves as a sounding board and input-working group for BLM Wyoming. RAC members are able to provide input to the BLM regarding the viewpoints from their constituencies on local natural resource issues. During meetings, they generate ideas for improving multiple-use management, touching on oil & gas, solids & minerals, water development, wild horses, inspection & enforcement, sage grouse management and other issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion based on multiple factors, including geographic disbursement (covering areas with BLM-managed surface lands and sub-surface minerals). Further balance is obtained through the appointments based on the three primary categories. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, and energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical interests, and nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, and represent the public-at-large.

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

The Wyoming RAC generally meets two to four times a year in various locations throughout the state. The meetings consist of updates of activities related to Wyoming public lands. RAC members stay up to date on BLM programs and issues and offer pertinent and timely advice.

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

Wyoming is characterized by wide-open spaces and great distances between communities. It is difficult to meet with a cross-section of interests on a particular issue without bringing them together in a common place. The RAC meets this need and allows the BLM to hear from a variety of interests without excessive time and expense. The RAC meetings have members of the public in attendance.

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 Wyoming website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The RAC held no meetings during FY 2018 due to a lack of a quorum, per BLM regulations.

Designated Federal Officer

Mary Jo Rugwell BLM-Wyoming Acting State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bolinger, James	10/26/2016	10/26/2019	Wyoming T&D Director, Rocky Mountain Power	Representative Member
Corra, John	10/26/2016	10/26/2019	Independent Consultant, Corra Consulting, LLC	Representative Member
Espy, John	10/26/2016	10/26/2019	Elected Official	Representative Member
Konkol, Lyle	10/26/2016	10/26/2019	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 4

Narrative Description

While no meetings occurred in FY2018, some staff costs were incurred as a result of member nomination and charter renewal processes. Because of their diverse backgrounds, members of the Wyoming RAC provide varied and valuable input on a number of issues related to natural resource management in Wyoming. The RAC is also a vehicle for public participation and provides input to the BLM from their respective constituencies. Council members address public comments made during regular RAC meetings and provide perspective to the public relating to BLM policies.

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

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input 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 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 provides an interface between various land use groups and interests and is an

effective liaison between the agency and the multiple use-oriented public. They help enhance trust and the public's feelings of involvement where the public land is concerned. The RAC also represents the public in resource management planning, providing input for consideration on management strategies, their applicability and possible outcomes.

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 Wyoming RAC.

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

The RAC did not make formal recommendations during FY2018.

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 made previous to FY 2017 were full 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

BLM representatives provide feedback via emails to the RAC members or during briefings and discussions at RAC 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

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

All avenues are used to keep RAC members aware of agency actions, including mail and email.