

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: North Central Montana 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.	
North Central Montana Resource Advisory Council		2059	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	03/05/2018	03/05/2020	
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 Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	17d. Total Other Activities
No Meetings			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	\$0.00	\$9,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
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	\$1,000.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$22,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The RAC provides representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's Designated Federal Officer concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the BLM's Central Montana District Office, Lewistown Field Office, HiLine District Office, and Great Falls Oil and Gas Field Station. It continues to develop recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of the land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. For example, but not limited to: The HiLine Resource Management Plan, Limekiln/Ruby project area, all-terrain vehicle use, and monument plan implementation including fee amenities and fee proposals for the U.S. Forest Service.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The North Central Montana Resource Advisory council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups. 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?

The RAC did not meet in FY2018.

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

This RAC provides a solid link between public land users and public land managers. The RAC addresses the constant concern that the public is not involved with public resource decisions. The RAC provides a comfortable point of contact for some members of the public who want to discuss public resource issues. The end result is often a usable product for the BLM. RACs provide essential public collaboration with government

officials, and an invaluable link between communities and BLM's local decision-makers about the management of the public's lands. The RAC's help bridge the gap between the members of the public and the BLM to increase the understanding of BLM's positions.

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 news media.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not develop recommendations in FY 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark Albers BLM North Central Montana District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Austin, Damien	01/09/2017	01/09/2020	American Prairie Reserve Supervisor	Representative Member
Blunt, Troy	01/09/2017	01/09/2020	Public-at-large	Representative Member
Darlington, Dana	01/30/2015	01/30/2018	Farmer/Rancher	Representative Member
Fairchild, Wayne	01/09/2017	01/09/2020	Outfitter	Representative Member
Frieze, Mary	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Retired Educator	Representative Member
Henderson, Brian	01/09/2017	01/09/2020	Loan officer	Representative Member
Janssen, Hayden	01/30/2015	01/30/2018	Project Manager/Reclamation Specialist	Representative Member
Kluck, Dan	01/30/2015	01/30/2018	Farmer/Rancher	Representative Member
Knapp, Ralph	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Retired	Representative Member
LaVoi, Jeff	01/30/2015	01/30/2018	Hill County Commissioner	Representative Member
Patnode, Jeffrey	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Vice President of Equipment, Century Companies	Representative Member
Rooney, Clive	01/30/2015	01/30/2018	Area Manager, Montana Department of Natural Resources	Representative Member
Schultz, John	08/25/2016	08/25/2019	Rancher	Representative Member
Tureck, Hugo	01/09/2017	01/09/2020	Farmer/Rancher	Representative Member
Wilson, Robert	12/15/2015	12/15/2018	Retired US Fish & Wildlife Service	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The North Central Montana Resource Advisory Council provides a link between public land users and public land managers. It addresses the constant concern that the public is not involved with public resource decisions and provides a comfortable point of contact for some members of the public who want to discuss public resource issues. RAC members made recommendations and clarified information pertaining to the HiLine Resource Management Plan, all-terrain vehicle use, and reviewed travel management and fee amenities for the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. The end result of the time and commitment by the RAC members is often a usable product for the BLM and the public.

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 most significant outcome associated with this RAC is the coordination and communication with the interested public about BLM policies, plans, and regulations.

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 North Central Montana RAC. Contributions of the RAC benefit the BLM.

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

28

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations made in 2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

93%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The majority of the RAC's recommendations were implemented into the planning processes for specific projects and long term management of the North Central Montana District Offices.

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

4%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The RAC's recommendations into the Judith Moccassins travel plan were implemented with only minor changes in specific roads but the content of the RAC's recommendations were 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

The BLM-Montana management team provides feedback by either written response letters and/or feedback at the next RAC meeting of how their recommendations were used/implemented and through regular updates to the RAC members by the BLM managers.

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

- | | |
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| 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 distributes meeting notes to all RAC members after each meeting. These notes are also posted on the RAC website. Individuals can also call the Designated Federal Official directly with questions or concerns.