

## 2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Dakotas Resource Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2020

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Dakotas Resource Advisory  
Council

### 3b. GSA Committee

No.

2061

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was

Terminated  
During  
FiscalYear?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order 13875  
"Evaluating and Improving the  
Utility of Federal Advisory  
Committees"

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency

Recommendation  
for Next  
FiscalYear

Merge

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not  
Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and  
Management Act, Sec. 309

### 13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this FiscalYear

17a. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0  
Open

### 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	\$1,000.00	\$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	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

### 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 the field managers in North and South Dakota.

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

The Dakotas Resource Advisory council is

composed of up to 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: 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 typically meets 2-3 times a year.

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

The RAC members are able to bring a wide variety of expertise to the table for open discussions, the product of which is provided to the BLM as recommendations.

**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/Dakotas website and distributed to local print and broadcast outlets,

organizations and political representatives via news releases.

## **21. Remarks**

The Dakotas Resource Advisory Council did not meet in FY 2020. The RAC was consolidated with the North Central Montana (2059) and Eastern Montana (2060) Resource Advisory Councils into a single Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council (84608).

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Diane Friez BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas  
District Manager

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Brunner, Ryan	01/12/2017	01/12/2020	Commissioner of School & Public Lands	Representative Member
Fitzgerald, Mike	11/18/2018	03/05/2020	Retired	Representative Member
Kain, John	11/18/2018	03/05/2020	Retired	Representative Member
Krueger, Corissa	11/18/2018	03/05/2020	Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Volk, Jay	11/18/2018	03/05/2020	BNI Coal	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 5**

## **Narrative Description**

Members of the BLM's Dakotas RAC provide varied and valuable input on a number of issues. The RAC is also a vehicle for public participation because members represent various organizations and there is always a public comment period during RAC meetings. RAC didn't meet in FY2019. The BLM distributes meeting notes to all RAC members after each meeting. These notes are also posted on the RAC website

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/montana-dakotas>.

Individuals can also call the Designated Federal Officer directly with questions or concerns and do so on a regular basis. RAC members do not wait for the general meetings to engage managers but contact them regularly to express opinions or concerns and get

updates on topics they are interested in.

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

**Outcome Comments**

**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 Dakotas RAC.

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

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

No new recommendations were made in FY 20. The 9 previous recommendations are: 1. Recommendation to increase fees at Schnell Recreation Area. 2. Recommendation to address oil and gas reclamation bonding as per a Government Accountability Office study. 3. Recommendation for a programmatic reform of the Federal coal program and how it is administered and for the timely leasing of federal coal projects in North Dakota. 4. Recommendation to endorse a statewide Montana/Dakotas RAC Resolution to extend the terms of sitting RAC members if their designated replacement has not been appointed by the Secretary. 5. Recommendation supporting a trails proposal for the Fort Meade Recreation Area. 6. Recommendation supporting the draft Sustaining Working Landscapes Initiative. 7. Recommendation that BLM maintain Fort Meade as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the revised RMP. 8. Recommendation to continue ACEC status for the Fossil Cycad ACEC, but for additional analysis to be conducted to determine if significant fossil cycads remain to justify the site's status. 9. Recommendation for ACEC status for a significant paleontological area known as Mud Buttes in North Dakota.

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

78%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

7 of the 9 recommendations were implemented. Recommendation 4. was not implemented as it conflicted with Bureau regulations and recommendation 9. (designating the Mud Buttes as an ACEC) was not 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**

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

**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

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

## Access Comments