

2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northeastern California Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2015

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Northeastern California Resource
Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2053

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/08/2014

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/08/2016

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 USC 1701

8c. Actual Term Date

06/02/2015

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

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 Fiscal Year

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	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

It provided comments and recommendations on amendments to the BLM Eagle Lake, Alturas and Surprise Resource Management Plans which are being amended to include conservation measures for greater sage grouse. The BLM's Northeastern California RAC provides a forum public land stakeholders to have a voice in management of public lands and natural resources, which are important for local economies and quality of life. In 2013, the RAC focused their attention on management of wild horses and burros, commenting on a study of the program by the

National Academy of Sciences, and on management of greater sage grouse, participating in development of a regional environmental impact statement that will amend BLM resource management plans to include sage grouse conservation measures.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Northeastern California Resource Advisory council is composed of 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. The membership is geographically balanced with members coming from northeastern California and northwestern Nevada, which is the area of jurisdiction of the three BLM field offices in this region.

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

The Council did not meet in FY 2015.

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

The RAC was formed under BLM's Healthy Rangeland regulations. It is necessary to provide BLM managers with sound advice from public land stakeholders, enabling them to make fully informed decisions. The RACs are necessary to provide all public lands interests a voice in management of public lands and natural resources.

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 California website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The BLM California State Office terminated this Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and created a new Northern California District RAC which merged the Northwest and Northeast California RAC. The new Northern California District Resource Advisory Council was established on June 1, 2015.

Designated Federal Officer

Nancy Haug BLM Northern California District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bayham, Frank	09/20/1999	06/01/2015	Professor of Archaeology, California State University, Chico Modoc County	Representative Member
Curtis, Sean	09/20/2008	12/07/2014	Natural Resource Advisor	Representative Member

Erquiaga, John	09/20/2000	06/01/2015	Rancher	Representative Member
Jensen, Louise	12/07/2011	12/07/2014	Land Trust Executive Director	Representative Member
McGarva, Kenneth	09/01/1995	06/01/2015	Rancher	Representative Member
Montgomery, Carol	12/07/2011	12/07/2014	accounting technician	Representative Member
Oliver, Judith	12/07/2011	12/07/2014	Public Health Nurse	Representative Member
Willmore, Larry	10/13/2005	12/07/2014	Business owner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The BLM California State Office terminated this Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and created a new Northern California District RAC which merged the Northwest and Northeast California RAC. The new Northern California District Resource Advisory Council was established on June 1, 2015. The RAC members provide BLM managers with a direct link to constituent groups, providing them with information relating to BLM's mission, and provides the public with means to address the BLM on important public land and natural resource management issues. The BLM benefits by hearing constituent opinions directly from members who represent these disparate groups. The RAC is balanced to represent the various areas of the BLM's mission, and to represent the geographic area of northeast California and Northwest Nevada. This RAC will be merged with the Northwest California RAC to create a new Northern California District Resource Advisory Council.

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"/>

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| 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

The RAC provides a way for community members to be directly involved in the management of public lands and natural resources. It has provided a regional forum for public discussion of the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, and development of land use plans.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| 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 Northeastern California 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?

40

Number of Recommendations Comments

In 2014, the RAC met once to provide comments on development of a draft EIS for sage grouse habitat conservation. The EIS will result in amendments to the BLM Eagle Lake, Alturas and Surprise resource management plans.

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

The recommendations were accepted and forwarded to the planning team working on the land use amendment process and alternative development.

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

100%

% 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 Managers from three field offices and the BLM California State Office participate regularly in RAC meetings. The BLM-California State Director has met personally with the RAC and sends a state office representative or a statement to each meeting. This RAC will be merged with the Northwest California RAC to form a new Northern California District Resource Advisory Council.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

All RAC meetings are open to the public. Meetings are announced through the news media, with internet postings and via direct mail to members and interested parties.