

# 2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of the Interior	2004
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
New Mexico Resource Advisory Council	2065

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	09/30/2003	09/30/2005	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No	5 U.S.C. Appendix	

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue		

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

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
FLPMA, Sec. 309	10/21/1976	Continuing	No

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

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
07/06/2004	Not Listed

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

<b>17a. Open</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>Other Activities</b>	<b>17d. Total</b>
4	0	0	0	4

## Meetings and Dates

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
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Orientation of new members and to discuss:  
 access issues, land disposal, healthy forest  
 initiative, oil and gas reclamation standards,  
 update on Otero Mesa, overview of the 11/12/2003 - 11/14/2003  
 vegetative monitoring and analysis pilot  
 program in New Mexico, and BLM/New  
 Mexico Association of Counties Liaison Role.

Rehabilitation of older oil and gas well sites,  
 oil and gas and cultural management in the  
 Carlsbad, Preferred Upstream Management  
 Practices (PUMP) III Project - a Cultural  
 Resources GIS Database Focused on Oil 02/26/2004 - 02/27/2004  
 and Gas Fields, Geomorphological Loco  
 Hills Study and Application to Cultural  
 Resources Integrity Assessment, and  
 unitization of fluid mineral leases.

Introduction to new RAC process, rancher  
 monitoring, discussion and development of  
 recommendations for a special status  
 species plan for Roswell and Carlsbad 06/09/2004 - 06/10/2004  
 Interim during the planning process,  
 feedback on National RAC Meeting issues,  
 and weed free issues.

Sierra/Otero Mesa Counties Fluid Mineral  
 Leasing Plan Amendment, directional drilling  
 of oil and gas wells to mitigate surface  
 impacts, follow-up on rancher monitoring,  
 discussion on the Ecological Site Description  
 Effort, Interim Guidelines for Special Status 09/14/2004 - 09/15/2004  
 Species Plan Amendment, the Access  
 Proposal, what are the problems for  
 threatened and endangered and other  
 imperiled species on BLM lands, and  
 election of new officers.

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<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>	\$35,000.00	\$17,650.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$4,373.00	\$7,000.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$16,843.00	\$26,475.00

<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>	\$2,165.00	\$3,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$866.00	\$1,400.00
<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>	\$4,864.00	\$3,000.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$64,111.00	\$58,525.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.30	0.30

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Council accomplishes its purpose by holding open public meetings up to 4 times a fiscal year at which well qualified experts are invited to speak on issues of current interest to BLM. BLM and State employees also report. Discussion follows. Working Groups meet to consider issues in depth, reporting back to the Council, and when appropriate, the Council makes recommendations to the Designated Federal Official, and may be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

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

The 15-member Council has 3 groups of interests: Group 1 (5 members) represents holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry,

transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation. Group 2 (5 members) includes representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation and wild horse and burro groups. Group 3 (5 members) represents holders of State, county, or local elected office; employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources; members of an Indian Tribe; academicians involved in natural sciences; and the public at large.

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

Meetings will be held 4 times a fiscal year. The discussions during the meetings are relevant to the issues at hand for public land management.

Topics covered this year include oil and gas drilling, wilderness, noxious weeds, rehabilitation of older oil and gas wells, healthy forest initiatives, and vegetative monitoring, directional drilling of oil and gas to mitigate surface impacts, and T&E species and other declining species on BLM lands.

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

No other forum exists in the State of New Mexico where citizens of such diverse backgrounds and interests can gather to provide advice and recommendations to resource managers and the State Director of the BLM, and the Secretary of the Interior. It is important to have input from citizens who are directly impacted by Federal decisions, to inform them and to enable them to have an impact on those decisions. FLPMA--43 CFR Ch. 11, Subpart 1784: ...requires establishment of advisory councils representative

of major citizen interests concerned with resource management of public lands. Under 1784.0-6 Policy: it is the policy of the Secretary to establish and employ committees representative of major citizen's interest...to advise the Secretary and Director regarding policy formulation, program planning, decision making, attainment of program objectives and achievement of improved program coordination and economies in the management of public lands and resources...

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

Meetings are not closed. They are open to the public and advertised in the Federal Register.

**21. Remarks**

no remarks

**Designated Federal Officer**

Linda S.C. Rundell DFO

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Armstrong, Crestina	09/20/2001	09/20/2004	Category 1, Rancher	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bailey, James	10/01/2003	09/30/2006	Category 2, National/Regional Environmental	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cantu, Philip	09/19/2003	09/19/2006	Category 3, Public-at-Large	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chavez, William	09/19/2004	09/19/2007	Category 2 - Environmental	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Chirigos, Michael	10/01/2003	09/30/2006	Category 2, Dispersed Recreation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cordova, Max	10/03/2002	09/19/2005	Category 2, Timber	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Eisenfeld, Michael	09/19/2001	09/19/2004	Category 2, Environmental	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ferguson, Wallace	09/20/2004	09/20/2007	Category 1, Rancher	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hand, John	10/03/2002	09/19/2005	Category 3, Elected Official, County Commissioner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jankowitz, Rachel	09/19/2004	09/19/2007	Category 3, State Agency Representative	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kemrer, Meade	10/01/2003	09/30/2006	Category 2, Archaeology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Marley, Mark	05/26/2004	09/19/2005	Grazing interests	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Raye	10/01/2002	09/19/2005	Category 1, Land manager for oil and gas production company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MoQuino, Robert	10/01/2003	09/30/2006	Category 3, Native American Tribes	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Popp, Anthony	09/20/2001	09/20/2004	Category 2, Associate Professor of Economics-business	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Ricklefs, Robert	09/19/2004	09/19/2007	Category 2, Dispersed Recreation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sammis, Gretchen	10/01/2001	09/30/2004	Public-at-large	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spivack, Joanne	09/19/2004	09/19/2007	Category 1, Off-Highway Vehicle	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stell, Joe	09/20/2001	09/20/2004	Category 1, NM State Representative, former educator/administrator/rancher	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tripp, Don	10/03/2002	09/19/2005	Category 3, State Elected Official	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 20**

### **Narrative Description**

BLM is faced with many challenges especially with declining budgets. The New Mexico RAC is looking for projects that would assist BLM in improving the way it does business. For example, some of the issues that are being addressed are standardizing regulations for reclamation of oil and gas well sites and access through private lands to BLM lands.

### **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 type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**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**

NA

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

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

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

NA

**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**

NA

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

**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**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>

Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

NA