

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of the Interior	2026
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council	84608

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	11/09/2023	11/09/2025	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**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>
Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309		Continuing	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 Next**  
**FY FY**

<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>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<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>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<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>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

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

The Missouri Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will provide advice and recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on land use planning and management of public lands located within the BLM's North Central Montana and Eastern Montana/Dakotas districts. The RAC will also make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service.

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

The Missouri Basin RAC 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.

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

The Council will meet 2-4 times per year depending on emerging resource issues.

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

The Missouri Basin RAC will play a role in developing consensus and partnership as its members make formal recommendations and communicate with the stakeholder groups that they represent. These formal and informal communications have enabled the RAC to identify and address issues early on, developing more

defensible actions with greater local support and buy-in. The BLM would not be able to approve changes to recreation fees or approve any new recreation fee sites without RAC input.

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

All meetings will be open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The RAC met virtually on January 16, 2025, and July 15, 2025.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Wendy Warren District Manager

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Barta, Stacey	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Montana State Rangeland Coordinator	Representative Member
Fox, Michael	04/26/2024	04/26/2027	Montana State Senator Former Field	Representative Member
Good, Mark	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Director, Montana Wilderness Association	Representative Member
Heidebrink, Scott	02/05/2024	02/05/2027	Director of Bison Restoration	Representative Member
Hutton, Miles	01/15/2021	04/26/2027	Blaine County Commissioner	Representative Member
Jacobs, Perri	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Rancher	Representative Member
Jensen, William	04/26/2024	04/26/2027	Retired	Representative Member
Jergeson, Gregory	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Blaine County Conservation District Supervisor	Representative Member
Krings, William	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Steel Construction	Representative Member
Mason, Jody	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Rancher – NorthBench Livestock	Representative Member
Merriman, Cliff	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Farmer/Rancher - 4M Farms	Representative Member
Moore, James	04/26/2024	04/26/2027	Judith Basin County Commissioner	Representative Member

Schafer, Jeffrey	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Rancher – Coppedge Ranch, Inc.	Representative Member
Tonn, Trisha	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Account Manager, Flogistix LP	Representative Member
Wagner, Kevin	03/08/2023	03/08/2026	Business Development Director	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

**Narrative Description**

The RAC provides advice and recommendations on the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM’s North Central Montana and Eastern Montana/Dakotas districts, which includes most of the BLM Montana/Dakotas portion of Interior Region 5.

**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 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**

Unable to determine.

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

36

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC made 16 recommendations in FY 25. The RAC recommended approval of increased fees for 20 sites at the Camp Creek Campground and 5 campsites at the Horse Corral Campground; increased fees for picnic shelter and site rental at the Buff's Day Use Area; increased rental fee for the Zortman Ranger Station; and increased fees for 10 campsites at the Montana Gulch Campground contained in the Malta Field Office Recreation Business Plan. The RAC recommended approval of increased fees for 20 campsites at the Coal Banks Landing Campground; increased fees for 8 campsites at the Judith Landing Campground; increased fees for 34 campsites and an increased fee for dump station use at the James Kipp Campground; new fee establishment for 4 campsites at the Wood Bottom Recreation Area; and an adjustment of fees from per watercraft to per person for day use at the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River contained in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Business Plan. The RAC recommended approval of establishing new fees for 15 campsites in the Action Recreation Area contained in the Acton Recreation Area Business Plan proposal. The RAC recommended approval of increased fees for 6 campsites at the Alkali Creek Campground and 6 campsites at the Alkali Creek Horse Camp contained in the South Dakota Field Office Campground Fees Business Plan proposal. The RAC recommended approval of increased fees for 6 campsites in the Schnell Recreation Area contained in the Schnell Recreation Area Business Plan proposal.

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

75%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Not all fees have been increased to-date.

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

25%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

During meetings, the BLM briefs the RAC on how the Agency has implemented their recommendations.

**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**

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

**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**