

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southwest Resource Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southwest Resource Advisory  
Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

2042

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 09/28/2023 09/28/2025

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

No

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 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 Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 17b. Closed 17c. Partially Closed 17d. Total

### 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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</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 Southwest RAC develops recommendations for BLM with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the DFO.

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

The Southwest RAC is composed of 15 members balanced among the following groups and within those 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 SW RAC typically meets 2-4 times per year.

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

The Southwest RAC provides the BLM an additional source of expertise from a wide variety of backgrounds from members and others who have a high interest in public land resources and their management. The RAC has demonstrated a willingness to solve problems and work on the basis of consensus and collaboration. The BLM is provided with a source of accurate and timely information and recommendations from a group of individuals keenly aware of their constituents' viewpoints.

**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 Colorado website, and

distributed to local newspapers.

## 21. Remarks

The RAC participated in a joint meeting with the Northwest and Rocky Mountain RACs on March 29, 2023, and participated in a joint meeting with the Rocky Mountain RAC on March 30, 2023. The RAC also met on June 15, 2023. PLEASE NOTE: Accounting for the March 29 meeting is included in the Northwest RAC ACR and the March 30 joint meeting accounting is included in the Rocky Mountain RAC ACR.

## Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth Dawson BLM Acting Southwest District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cesario, Roger	02/07/2020	05/24/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Dietrich, James	05/24/2023	05/24/2026	Natural Resources Planning and Public Lands Coordinator	Representative Member
Gann, Linda	05/24/2023	05/24/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Ham, Grady	02/10/2020	05/24/2026	Vice President of Operations, Silverton Mountain Ski Area	Representative Member
Haugsness, James	01/14/2021	01/14/2024	Retired Fire chief	Representative Member
Holst, Jon	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Field Representative, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Representative Member
Jamison, Starr	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Natural Resource and Special Projects Director	Representative Member
Katz, Benjamin	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Public Lands Program Director, Western Slope Conservation Center	Representative Member
Musser, Justin	05/24/2023	05/24/2026	Manager for the Montrose County Ecological Service	Representative Member
Padgett, Lynn	05/24/2023	05/24/2026	Ouray County Commissioner	Representative Member
Rodriguez, Latifia	01/14/2021	01/14/2024	Self-employed Legal Transcription/Scopist/Proofreader	Representative Member
Roeber, Jonathan	01/14/2021	01/14/2024	Rancher	Representative Member
Thorpe, Matthew	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Deputy Regional Manager, Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Representative Member
Welt, Kathleen	01/14/2021	01/14/2024	Mountain Coal Company LLC	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

## **Narrative Description**

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

## **Outcome Comments**

The Southwest RAC members provide productive dialogue that facilitates all of the above marked.

**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 Southwest 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?**

90

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC did not make any recommendations in FY23.

**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 BLM has considered the Southwest RAC's recommendations, provided feedback, and implemented them appropriately. 100% of the recommendation were 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**

The BLM provides feedback to the RAC through via direct dialogue during RAC meetings, written documentation (official meeting notes), and presentations at meetings. The field offices provide feedback to RAC members on the proposals and presentations the RAC generates.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

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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**

The BLM management has made better informed decisions regarding public land management given the RAC's active roles in their individual communities.

**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**

N/A