

## 2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Boise District Resource Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of the Interior		2020	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
Boise District Resource Advisory Council		2055	
<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	03/05/2019	03/05/2021	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>			
No	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
	Executive Order 13875 "Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees"		
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Merge	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> 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	10/21/1976	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this FiscalYear		

17a. 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1  
Open

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
General quarterly meeting to discuss projects on the District, elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, discuss recreational shooting.	01/09/2020	01/09/2020

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next 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>	\$5,000.00	\$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>	\$120.64	\$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>	\$906.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$6,026.64	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.10	0.00

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

The Boise District RAC provides representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's designated Federal officer concerning the planning and management of the public land

resources located within the geographic area of the Boise District.

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

The Boise District Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following 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 Boise District RAC generally held four meetings per year. The RAC meet once in FY2020.

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

The RAC provides essential public collaboration with government officials and an invaluable link between communities and the BLM's local decision-makers about the management of the

public's lands in the BLM's Boise District. The RAC helps build a bridge with members of the public to increase understanding of the BLM's programs and decisions and obtain feedback and recommendations from diverse stakeholder groups. The Boise District RAC is having positive impacts in improving the management of the public lands in the Boise District and promoting our mutual goal of shared conservation stewardship.

## **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 Idaho website, and distributed to local newspapers.

## **21. Remarks**

The Boise District Resource Advisory Council (2055) was consolidated with Coeur d'Alene (2056), Idaho Falls (2057) and Twin Falls District (25121) RACs into a single Idaho Resource Advisory Council (84604).

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Lara Douglas District Manager, BLM Boise District

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Bennett, Donna	09/10/2018	09/23/2020	Rancher	Representative Member
Buck, Jeff	03/03/2019	09/23/2020	Small Business Owner	Representative Member
Funkhouser, Zach	09/10/2018	09/23/2020	Idaho Power	Representative Member
Gibson, Michael	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Recreation Industry-Idaho Field Coordinator, Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Merrick, Joe	09/10/2018	09/23/2020	County Commissioner	Representative Member
Nichols, Scott	09/10/2018	09/23/2020	Regulatory Compliance & Lands Manager	Representative Member

Oxarango, Rochelle	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Rancher, Black Canyon Rangeland Fire Protection Association	Representative Member
Raymondi, Richard	01/17/2017	01/18/2020	Retired	Representative Member
Talsma, Arthur	03/13/2019	09/23/2020	Retired Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Unnasch, Robert	09/10/2018	09/23/2020	The Nature Conservancy	Representative Member
Yensen, Eric	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Professor Emeritus, Biology Dept., College of Idaho	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

### Narrative Description

The Boise District RAC has actively provided input to the BLM regarding natural resource issues. During FY 2019, the Boise District RAC provided informal input to the BLM on the proposed Tri-State Fuel Breaks project, the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat Project, and the Perjue recreation site accessibility project but did not vote to provide any formal recommendations.

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

### Outcome Comments

N/A

**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 Boise District RAC, however, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM. Reaching collaborative outcomes can reduce the potential for litigation and associated costs in the future.

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

227

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Boise District RAC did not provide recommendations in FY20.

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

25%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The following is a list of recommendations made by the Boise District RAC and fully implemented by the BLM in previous years: several recommended comments to the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan documents; provided ongoing recommendations during development of the environmental assessment for fuel breaks and utilization of other fire management tools.

**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**

The RAC has suggested locating outside sources of funding to complete projects. However, no such funding has been secured. Many RAC members work within the RAC and state agencies to study the effect of habitat loss on Sage Grouse.

### **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 Boise District management and staff provide explanations to the RAC on how they have 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" 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**

N/A

### **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



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

N/A