

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2057

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/05/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was

Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order 13875
"Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees"

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

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. 0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0
Open

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	\$3,000.00	\$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	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Idaho Falls 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 BLM's Idaho Falls District.

The RAC develops recommendations for the BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the RAC. This requires the RAC to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, and ascertain facts relating to the issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Idaho Falls 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 Idaho Falls RAC did not meet in FY 2020 but generally met about three times per year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this

committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Idaho Falls District RAC is an essential part of the public outreach of the BLM's-Idaho Falls District. It assists in various projects that require the views and opinions of the public, such as in National Environmental Policy Act analysis and resource management planning. The BLM's Idaho Falls District RAC supports the mission of the BLM by providing feedback on critical issues facing natural resources. The RAC has been most interested and useful on the issues of noxious weed management, off-highway vehicle use, land use planning, threatened/endangered species management, and recreation fee review. In addition, the group has provided solid problem-solving advice to sensitive issues reoccurring throughout all four field offices.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

No meetings were held in FY 2020. The Idaho Falls District (2057) Resource Advisory Council (RAC) was consolidated with Boise (2055), Coeur d'Alene (2056) and Twin Falls District (25121) RACs into a single Idaho Resource Advisory Council (84604) effective September 23, 2020.

Designated Federal Officer

Mary D'Aversa BLM-Idaho Falls District District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bauchman, Stephen	10/29/2013	01/18/2020	Contractor/Rancher	Representative Member
Breckenridge, Robert	10/18/2018	09/23/2020	Academia	Representative Member
Buckskin, Preston	10/18/2018	09/23/2020	Tribal Rep	Representative Member

Cyronek, John	03/07/2019	09/23/2020	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Goode, Jon	03/16/2015	01/18/2020	Agrium Phosphate Manager - Special Projects	Representative Member
Mende, Jim	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Idaho Dept. Of Fish and Game	Representative Member
Pace, Brenda	03/07/2019	09/23/2020	Archaeological/Historical Interests	Representative Member
Prouty, Alan	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Vice President of Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs for J.R. Simplot Company	Representative Member
Smith, Leon	10/18/2018	09/23/2020	Rancher	Representative Member
Stuart, Charles (Chuck)	01/18/2017	01/18/2020	Retired - Engineer	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

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

Other ☐

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 Idaho Falls District RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM and have likely resulted in reduced litigation through public outreach efforts.

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

85

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations were provided in FY 2020.

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

All recommendations previously made by the RAC have been fully 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 updates and feedback in scheduled quarterly meetings by the Idaho Falls District Manager and field office managers. The RAC coordinator also provides feedback via email and phone calls, as well as during the meetings.

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 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

The BLM provides email updates, news releases, and other information to the RAC members.