2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	75232

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

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	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. Commitee 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 FiscalYear

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

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	$0.00	$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	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The RAC offers advice to the BLM and serves as a sounding board and input-working group for BLM Wyoming. RAC members are able to provide input to the BLM regarding the viewpoints from their constituencies on local natural resource issues. During meetings, they generate ideas for improving multiple-use management, touching on oil & gas, solids & minerals, water development, wild horses, inspection & enforcement, sage grouse management and other issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

The Wyoming Resource Advisory Council is composed of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion based on multiple factors, including geographic disbursement (covering areas with BLM-managed surface lands and sub-surface minerals). Further balance is obtained through the appointments based on the three primary categories. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, and energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical interests, and nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, and represent the public-at-large.

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

The Wyoming RAC generally meets two to four times a year in various locations throughout the state. The meetings consist of updates of activities related to Wyoming public lands. RAC members stay up to date on BLM programs and issues and offer pertinent and timely advice.

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

Wyoming is characterized by wide-open spaces and great distances between communities. It is difficult to meet with a cross-section of interests on a particular issue without bringing them together in a common place. The RAC meets this need and allows the BLM to hear from a variety of interests without excessive time and expense. The RAC meetings have members of the public in attendance.

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 Wyoming website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The RAC did not meet in FY23.

Designated Federal Officer

Andrew Archuleta BLM-Wyoming State Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Coursey, Joshua	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	President/CEO of the Muley Fanatic Foundation	Representative Member
Espy, John	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Carbon County Commissioner	Representative Member
Kessler, Stephanie	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	President and General Counsel, Pathfinder Ranches LLC	Representative Member
Konkol, Lyle	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Wyoming Field Office Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	Representative Member
Leinonen, Jennifer	03/13/2019	12/23/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Massie, Micheal	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Retired	Representative Member
McKee, Andrew	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Regulatory Affairs Director, Petroleum Affairs of Wyoming	Representative Member
Rood, Craig	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Site Manager, Ciner Wyoming LLC	Representative Member
Shumway, Mel	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Owner, Valley Vegetation Solutions LLC	Representative Member
Soldier Wolf, Yufna	04/18/2023	04/18/2026	Tribal Advocacy Coordinator, Wyoming Outdoor Council	Representative Member
Thoman, Mary	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Sweetwater County Commissioner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

Because of their diverse backgrounds, members of the Wyoming RAC provide varied and valuable input on a number of issues related to natural resource management in Wyoming. The RAC is also a vehicle for public participation and provides input to the BLM from their respective constituencies. Council members address public comments made during regular RAC meetings and provide perspective to the public relating to BLM policies.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☐
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

The RAC provides an interface between various land use groups and interests and is an effective liaison between the agency and the multiple use-oriented public. They help enhance trust and the public's feelings of involvement where public land is concerned. The RAC also represents the public in resource management planning, providing input for consideration on management strategies, their applicability and possible outcomes. For example, BLM Wyoming consults the RAC on grazing allotment management plans, including allotment revisions, range improvement and development plans, and updates to grazing guidelines.

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
An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Wyoming RAC.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
11

Number of Recommendations Comments
The RAC did not make recommendations during 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
All recommendations 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
Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☑

Agency Feedback Comments

BLM representatives provide feedback via emails to the RAC members or during briefings and discussions at RAC meetings.

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

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	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	✓
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

All avenues are used to keep RAC members aware of agency actions, including mail and email.