

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Farmington District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Farmington District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

73659

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/17/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/17/2020

7. Expected Term Date

06/17/2020

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, Section 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. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 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	\$2,000.00	\$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	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

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

The BLM's Farmington District Resource Advisory Council provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico

State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Farmington District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The RAC is composed of 10 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 meetings of the RAC generally occur quarterly. The frequency of meetings depends on the issues in which the BLM needs advice. The RAC did not meet in FY2020.

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

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 may require the RAC to, at the direction of the designated Federal officer, gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public comments, and provide advice on the issues presented.

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 New Mexico website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The Farmington District Resource Advisory Council (73659) was consolidated with the Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (73660) into a single Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (84600) effective June 17, 2020. The Farmington District RAC did not meet in FY2020, but did incur staff time costs processing applications from the 2019 National Call for Nominations.

Designated Federal Officer

Mark Matthews Acting BLM Farmington District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arrington, John	08/21/2018	06/17/2020	Chairman of the San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District	Representative Member
Duckett, Nathan	05/23/2019	06/17/2020	Mayor, City of Farmington	Representative Member
Hersman, Larry	08/21/2018	06/17/2020	Retired	Representative Member
Johnson, Carmen	01/04/2017	01/04/2020	Retired	Representative Member

Martinez, Cameron	05/23/2019	06/17/2020	Director, Division of Natural Resources, Taos Pueblo	Representative Member
McWilliams, Peggy	05/23/2019	06/17/2020	Pipeline Landman, Harvest Midstream	Representative Member
O'Neill, Michael	12/04/2015	06/17/2020	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Verner, Frederick	01/04/2017	01/04/2020	Asset Development and Regulatory Affairs, Chevron Corporation	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's New Mexico State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the BLM's Farmington District.

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

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

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 Farmington District 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?

11

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2020, there were no formal recommendations.

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

The BLM has accepted almost all of the formal recommendations made by the RAC.

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

10%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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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 Farmington District management provides the RAC with feedback at subsequent meetings on how its discussions and recommendations have been incorporated into management actions.

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 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

Not Applicable

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable