

2020 Current Fiscal Year Report: Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2020

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

73658

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

No 06/18/2018 06/18/2020 06/18/2020

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. Open Meetings 1 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 1

Purpose

The RAC convened for a full-day field trip to the Rincon Watershed Restoration Project and a half-day meeting at the Las Cruces District Office. Agenda items included a RAC discussion on the prior-day field trip topics and BLM updates on current and proposed projects in the Las Cruces District, including lands/realty and planning. In addition, the BLM provided an update on the American Magnesium Mining Plan of Operation near Deming, N.M.

Start

End

01/22/2020 - 01/23/2020

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$6,000.00	\$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$600.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$400.00	\$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.)	\$300.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$7,300.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The BLM's Las Cruces District 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 Las Cruces District.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council 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 Las Cruces District RAC met once in FY 2020. When meetings and field trips occur, they have been timely and relevant to actions occurring within the Las Cruces District.

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, to 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 Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (73658) was consolidated with the Pecos District Resource Advisory Council (73657) into a single Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (84601) effective June 18, 2020.

Designated Federal Officer

William Childress BLM Las Cruces District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cornell, John	12/04/2015	06/18/2020	NM Wildlife Federation Sportsman Coordinator	Representative Member
Day, Travis	09/17/2018	06/18/2020	Natural Resource Director, Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District	Representative Member
Gaba, Michael	05/17/2019	06/18/2020	News Broadcaster	Representative Member
Greer, Clifton	05/17/2019	06/18/2020	Real Estate Broker	Representative Member
Holguin, Teofilo	11/02/2016	06/18/2020	Owner, Holguin & Associates	Representative Member
Hyatt, Jim	12/04/2015	06/18/2020	Rancher/Owner	Representative Member
Matulich, Robert	05/17/2019	06/18/2020	Contractor & Real Estate Developer	Representative Member
Schickedanz, Jerry	09/17/2018	06/18/2020	Supervisor, Dona Ana Soil & Water Conservation District	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council is a citizen advisory council that serves in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in the BLM's Las Cruces District.

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

Not Applicable

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 Las Cruces 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?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no formal recommendations 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

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

When recommendations are made, the Las Cruces District management provides the RAC with feedback at subsequent meetings on how its discussions and recommendations have been incorporated into BLM 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

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

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

Access Comments

Not Applicable