

2014 Current Fiscal Year Report: Pinedale Anticline Working Group And Task Groups

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2014

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Pinedale Anticline Working Group And Task Groups

3b. GSA

Committee No.

13902

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/03/2012

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309 and the ROD for the Pinedale Anticline.

13.

Effective Date

10/21/1976

14.

Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Board

Non Scientific Program Advisory

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current Next	
	FY	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 Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) provided advice and recommendations on matters relating to oil and gas development as described in the Record of Decision for the Pinedale Anticline Area, including but not limited to: (1) the setting of goals and objectives for the monitoring of field development; (2) the drafting of monitoring plans needed to validate predictive models used in the environmental impact statement (EIS); and (3) the effectiveness of the mitigation measures contained in the Record of Decision for the

Pinedale Anticline EIS. The PAWG provided advice and recommendations on these matters to the BLM, but the final decisions were made by the BLM's Pinedale Field Manager or the BLM-Wyoming State Director.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Ten PAWG members, appointed by the Secretary, were representative of the following three general groups: GROUP 1 - PERSONS WHO: (1) Hold Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the PAWG is organized and represent interests associated with grazing; (2) Represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way; (3) Represent energy and mineral development; or (4) Own adjacent land to the area for which the PAWG is organized and represent interests associated with land ownership. GROUP 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING: (1) Nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; (2) Dispersed recreation interests (i.e., hunter, angler, outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities); (3) Archaeological and historical organizations; or (4) The affected public-at-large. GROUP 3 - PERSONS WHO: (1) Hold state, county, or local elected office; (2) Are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; (3) Are employed as academicians by a natural resource management or natural sciences organization (i.e., museum, university); or (4) Are employed by the local government.

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

Meetings were held, on average, every quarter,

but no less than once annually.

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

The PAWG was established as a result of the 2000 Record of Decision for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Development Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Its continuing need was affirmed in the 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Supplemental EIS. The PAWG provides an opportunity for coordination and collaboration with various constituent interests in the monitoring and mitigation of wildlife issues and other concerns.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Pinedale Anticline Working Group successfully accomplished its stated objectives. As a result, the Department of the Interior did not renew the charter and the Working Group terminated on August 3, 2014.

Designated Federal Officer

Shane DeForest BLM Pinedale Field Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Davison, Aimee	04/23/2012	04/23/2014	Senior Regulatory Specialist, Shell	Representative Member
Reese, Arthur	04/04/2012	04/04/2014	Consultant	Representative Member
Vlcek, David	04/04/2012	04/04/2014	Bonneville Archaeology	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 3

Narrative Description

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not renew the charter and the Working Group terminated on August 3, 2014. The Pinedale Anticline Working Group developed recommendations and provided advice to the BLM on matters pertinent to the oil and gas development of the Pinedale Anticline area of west-central Wyoming.

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

Outcome Comments

The Pinedale Anticline Working Group provided adaptive management recommendations for the protection of various resources contained within the Pinedale Anticline Gas Field, including but not limited to wildlife, air quality, water quality, cultural resources, vegetation, transportation, and socioeconomic issues.

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 Pinedale Anticline Working Group. 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?

150

Number of Recommendations Comments

All PAWG recommendations relate to monitoring and mitigation of various resources within the Pinedale Anticline Gas Field. No recommendations were made in FY2012 , FY2013 and FY2014.

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

65%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Some recommendations are not implemented due to fiscal or regulatory authority issues, competing resources, or because the recommendation was outside the project area or outside of the charter mandates. The BLM's Pinedale Field Manager takes PAWG recommendations very seriously and will implement as many recommendations as possible. The PAWG is essential to the adaptive management strategy of the Pinedale Anticline Project Area.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Due to funding issues and being outside the scope of the charter, not all of these recommendations have been implemented by the BLM. For example, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and operators on the Pinedale Anticline helped fund projects that were a result of PAWG recommendations.

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 tracks and provides updates on the status of all PAWG recommendations. Recommendations may be implemented by an order of the authorized officer or as a maintenance action in the Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" 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

While the PAWG does not directly distribute grant monies, it works with the Pinedale Anticline Project Office to review proposals.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The BLM issues news releases to local newspapers, websites, and radio stations. The

PAWG webpage is also updated, along with notifications on Facebook and Twitter. Documents, minutes, and agendas are provided to the local library for those without internet access.