

## 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Rio Puerco Management Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2024

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Rio Puerco Management  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

84599

### 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 03/12/2029

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

P.L. 116-9, John D. Dingell, Jr.  
Conservation, Management, and  
Recreation Act

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not  
Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 104-333; As amended by  
P.L. 111-11; As amended by  
P.L. 116-9

### 13. Effective Date

11/12/1996

### 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

0

### 17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

### Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

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

The Rio Puerco Management Committee advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on the development and implementation of the Rio Puerco Management Program, serve as a forum for information about activities that may affect or further the development and implementation of the best management practices and identify objectives, monitor results of ongoing projects, and develop alternative watershed management plans for the Rio Puerco Drainage Basin, based

on best management practices.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership of the Committee was determined by P.L. 104-333. The Council is composed of 15 members, representing Rio Puerco Watershed Committee; affected tribes and pueblos; USFS; BOR; USGS; BIA; FWS; USACE; EPA; NRCS; State of New Mexico; affected local soil and water conservation districts; Elephant Butte Irrigation District; private landowner; and public at large.

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

The Rio Puerco Management Committee was established in FY2020, and has not met to date as there are no appointed members.

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

The Committee is composed of citizens with diverse and wide-ranging expertise and agency representatives that provide advice, recommendations, and alternatives on often controversial issues relating to the Rio Puerco Watershed. The Committee also affords a valuable opportunity to build public consensus on these issues.

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

All meetings of the Committee will be open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The Rio Puerco announced a second call for nominations in the Federal Register on November

6, 2020, soliciting applications for the second time until December 7, 2020. For the second time, no applications were received and the 15-member Committee seats remain vacant. A third call for nominations was published on October 5, 2022 to solicit for members.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

Kymm Gresset Rio Puerco Field Manager

### **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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **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 Committee.

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

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

0%

**% 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**

**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 plans to provide immediate feedback through conversations during meetings and follow-up conversations.

**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**

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

**Access Comments**

N/A

