

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

84606

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/09/2023

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/09/2025

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

8b. Specific Termination Authority

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

8c. Actual Term Date

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

FLPMA & The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-393)

13. Effective Date

02/20/1976

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

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	\$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 meets several times a year to make recommendations on Secure Title II funds and Recreation Fees. The RAC also identifies several issues of interest to work with the district's leadership over the coming year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

This Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members, balanced within 3 categories: commodity, non-commodity, and local area interest. Each category has 5 members.

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

The committee strives to meet 2 to 4 times a year. The meetings are timed related to allocation of Secure Rural Schools Title II funds as well as the need to address Recreation Fee proposals and other priority land management efforts.

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

The Secure Rural Schools legislation requires that advisory committees participate in the distribution of funding and monitoring of projects. This venue provides a diverse and informed perspective to the BLM regarding local application of programs and policies. As a chartered group, and with the rigorous selection process the RAC gives expert advice on the effectiveness and impact of programs and policies in Western Oregon. In addition, members of the RAC reflect the multitude of perspectives from across Western Oregon.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The RAC met January 26-27, and June 22-23, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth Burghard Medford District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Carstens, Thomas	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Edwards, Jack	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Wildlife Habitat Biologist	Representative Member

Kaelke, Sophia	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Oregon Engagement Manager, Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Kennedy, Michael	01/19/2022	01/19/2025	Natural Resource Manager, Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians	Representative Member
Livingston, Tasha	01/19/2022	01/19/2025	Forestry Instructor, Southwestern Oregon Community College	Representative Member
Martino, Sue	01/19/2022	01/19/2025	Retired	Representative Member
McCall, Ken	05/17/2019	11/17/2025	U.S. Forest Service Retired Recreation Planner	Representative Member
Phelps, Samara	05/17/2019	11/17/2025	Executive Director, Clackamas County Tourism	Representative Member
Rockwell, Sarah	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Research Biologist, Klamath Bird Observatory	Representative Member
Smith, Randy	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Biologist, Oregon Department of Forestry	Representative Member
Venti, Dino	11/17/2022	11/17/2025	Restaurant Owner	Representative Member
Yednock, Bree	04/13/2022	04/13/2025	Reserve Manger, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The Western Oregon RAC 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 Coos Bay, Medford, Northwest Oregon and Roseburg Districts and the Klamath Falls Resource Area. The Committee is tasked with reviewing and recommending Title II projects for funding, reviewing and approving recreational fee proposals and providing advice and guidance to the BLM.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

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

In relation to recreation fee proposals, the cost of recreation site maintenance absorbed by public using the facilities instead of from appropriated dollars.

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

236

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC approved funding for 33 secure rural schools projects on January 26 and approved funding for 15 secure rural schools projects on January 27.

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

The Coos Bay District plans to implement new fees in spring of 2023.

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 RAC anticipates approved a multitude of Title II Secure Rural Schools funding in FY23.

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

Action Comments

The Western Oregon RAC reviewed Secure Rural Schools Title II projects totaling nearly \$8.5 million in FY21. 145 Projects reviewed and 139 projects approved.

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 145

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 139

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$8,479,787

Grant Review Comments

Secure Rural School Title II funding has contributed to local economies and built relevant partnerships.

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