

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for each of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

Category One - Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

Category Two - Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category Three - Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

Alaska

Alaska RAC

Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage,
Alaska 99513 (907) 271-3322

Arizona

Arizona RAC

Deborah Stevens, Arizona State Office, BLM, 222 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona
85004-2203 (602) 417-9215

California

Central California RAC

Larry Mercer, Bakersfield Field Office, BLM, 3801 Pegasus Avenue, Bakersfield,
California 93308 (661) 391-6000

Northeastern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville,
California 96130 (530) 257-0456

Northwestern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville,
California 96130 (530) 257-0456

Colorado

Front Range RAC

Ken Smith, Canon City Field Office, BLM, 3170 E. Main Street, Canon City,
Colorado 81212 (719) 269-8553

Southwest RAC; Northwest RAC

Larry Porter, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction,
Colorado 81506 (970) 244-3012

Idaho

Upper Columbia RAC

Stephanie Snook, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater Field Office, BLM, 1808 North
Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814-3407 (208) 769-5004

Upper Snake RAC

David Howell, Upper Snake River District Office, BLM, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho
Falls, Idaho 83401 (208) 524-7559

Lower Snake RAC

MJ Byrne, Lower Snake River District Office, BLM, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise
Idaho 83705 (208) 384-3393

Montana and Dakotas

Eastern Montana RAC

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City,
Montana 59301 (406) 233-2831

Central Montana RAC

Kaylene Patten, Lewistown Field Office, BLM, Airport Road, PO Box 1160, Lewistown,
Montana 59457 (406) 538-1957

Western Montana RAC

Marilyn Krause, Butte Field Office, BLM, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana
59701-3388 (406) 533-7617

Dakotas RAC

Mary Ramsey, North Dakota Field Office, BLM, 2933 Third Avenue West, Dickinson,
North Dakota 58601-2619 (701) 227-7700

Nevada

Mojave-Southern RAC; Northeastern Great Basin RAC; Sierra Front Northwestern RAC

Debra Kolkman, Nevada State Office, BLM, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada
89502-7147 (775) 289-1946

New Mexico

New Mexico RAC

Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, BLM, 1474 Rodeo Road,
Sante Fe, New Mexico 87505 (505) 438-7517

Oregon/Washington

Eastern Washington RAC; John Day/Snake RAC; Southeast Oregon RAC

Pam Robbins, Oregon State Office, BLM, 333 SW First Avenue, PO Box 2965,
Portland, OR 97208-2965 (503) 808-6306

Utah

Utah RAC

Sherry Foot, Utah State Office, BLM, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, P.O. Box
45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 (801) 539-4195

DATE: All nominations should be received by the appropriate BLM State Office by
45 days from the publication date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alden Boetsch, U.S. Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Land Management, Intergovernmental Affairs, MS-LS-406,
Washington, D.C., 20240; 202-452-0393.

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Date

/s/ Kathleen Clarke

Director, Bureau of Land Management