

**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.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within their geographic areas. The BLM will accept public nominations for 45 days after the publication of this notice.

**DATE:** All nominations must be received no later than [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of BLM State Offices accepting nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Sandoval, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Correspondence, International, and Advisory Committee Office, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-MIB 5070, Washington, DC 20240; 202-208-4294.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to establish 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

Category One - Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

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

Category Three - Representatives of state, county, or local elected office, employees of a state agency responsible for management of natural resources, representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the council is organized, representatives of academia who are employed in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the state in which the RAC has jurisdiction. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. The Obama

Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists from being appointed or re-appointed to FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations;
- A completed background information nomination form; and
- Any other information that addresses 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

Thom Jennings, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, (970) 271-3335.

## **Arizona**

### Arizona RAC

Dorothea Boothe, Arizona State Office, BLM, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, (602) 417-9219.

## **California**

### Central California RAC

David Christy, Mother Lode Field Office, BLM, 5152 Hillsdale Circle, El Dorado Hills, California 95762, (916) 941-3146.

Northeastern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, (530) 252-5332.

Northwestern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, (530) 252-5332.

**Colorado**

Front Range RAC

Denise Adamic, Royal Gorge Field Office, BLM, 3028 East Main Street, Cañon City, Colorado 81212, (719) 269-8553.

Northwest RAC

David Boyd, Colorado River Valley Field Office, BLM, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, Colorado 81652, (970) 876-9008.

Southwest RAC

Shannon Borders, Southwest District Office, BLM, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401, (970) 240-5399.

**Idaho**

Boise District RAC

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

Coeur d'Alene District RAC

Suzanne Endsley, Coeur d'Alene District Office, BLM, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene,  
Idaho 83815, (208) 769-5004.

Idaho Falls District RAC

Sarah Wheeler, Idaho Falls District Office, BLM, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
83401, (208) 524-7613.

Twin Falls District RAC

Heather Tiel-Nelson, Twin Falls District Office, BLM, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho  
83301, (208) 736-2352.

**Montana and Dakotas**

Central Montana RAC

Craig Flentie, Lewistown Field Office, BLM, 920 Northeast Main Street, Lewistown, Montana  
59457, (406) 538-1943.

Dakotas RAC

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana  
59301, (406) 233-2800.

Eastern Montana RAC

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, (406) 233-2800.

Western Montana RAC

David Abrams, Butte Field Office, BLM, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, (406) 533-7617.

**Nevada**

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

Rochelle Francisco, Nevada State Office, BLM, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502, (775) 861-6588.

**New Mexico**

Albuquerque District RAC

Gina Melchor, Albuquerque District Office, BLM, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, (505) 761-8935.

Farmington District RAC

Bill Papich, Farmington District Office, BLM, 6251 College Boulevard, Farmington, New Mexico 87402, (505) 564-7600.

Las Cruces District RAC

Rena Gutierrez, Las Cruces District Office, BLM, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, (575) 525-4338.

Pecos District RAC

Betty Hicks, Pecos District Office, BLM, 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, (575) 627-0242.

**Oregon/Washington**

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

Pam Robbins, Oregon State Office, BLM, 333 SW First Avenue, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 808-6306.

**Utah**

Utah RAC

Sherry Foot, Utah State Office, BLM, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, (801) 539-4195.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** I hereby certify that the BLM Resource Advisory Councils are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the BLM.

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Mike Pool  
Deputy Director

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