

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**National Advisory Committee for Implementation  
of the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Rule**

**CHARTER**

1. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** National Advisory Committee for Implementation of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Public Lands Rule (Committee).
2. **AUTHORITY:** The Committee is a discretionary advisory committee authorized pursuant to section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. § 1739). The BLM is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM advisory committees found at 43 C.F.R. Part 1780 Subpart 1784. The Committee is operated pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10), and the Federal Advisory Committee regulations found at 41 C.F.R. Part 102-3.
3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The Committee will furnish advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and the Director of the BLM (Director) regarding the BLM's implementation of the Conservation and Landscape Health Rule, also known as the Public Lands Rule.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. Upon the request of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), the Committee will develop recommendations for the Director regarding implementation of the Public Lands Rule and associated outreach and engagement activities.

Specifically, the Committee may be directed to:

- a. Provide recommendations for ongoing public engagement, outreach efforts, and partnership opportunities;
  - b. Provide feedback to the BLM on examples of successful implementation, including best practices;
  - c. Review and provide input on policy guidance implementing the Public Lands Rule, including identifying additional guidance needs or recommending updates to existing guidance; and
  - d. Offer recommendations on communication tools and strategies to help provide greater understanding of the Public Lands Rule.
5. **AGENCY OR FEDERAL OFFICER RECEIVING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ADVICE/RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Committee provides advice to the Secretary and the Director through the DFO.
  6. **SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Committee will be provided by the BLM.

7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's activities are estimated to be \$150,000, which includes all direct and indirect expenses and 0.50 Federal staff years support.
8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The DFO is an employee of the BLM who is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO must:
  - a. Ensure the Committee's activities comply with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, Agency administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
  - b. Approve or call all meetings of the Committee or subcommittee;
  - c. Approve the agenda;
  - d. Attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
  - e. Fulfill the requirements under section 1009 of the FACA, Advisory Committee Procedures;
  - f. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;
  - g. Chair any meeting when so directed by the Secretary or the Director;
  - h. Maintain information on Committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and
  - i. Ensure Committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the FACA and FACA Final Rule.

Also, the DFO should ensure a public facing website is created and maintained for the Committee.

9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Committee will meet approximately 2-4 times per year, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
10. **DURATION:** Continuing.
11. **TERMINATION:** The Committee will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 1013 of the FACA. The Committee will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION:** The Committee will be comprised of no more than 15 representatives to be appointed by the Secretary as follows:
  - a. Two representatives of State governments;
  - b. One representative of local governments;
  - c. Two representatives of Tribal governments;

- d. Two representatives of the public at large;
- e. At least one representative of the science community, including archaeological or historical interests;
- f. At least two representatives of non-governmental organizations specializing in environmental, conservation, or watershed interests; recreation interests; or hunting and fishing interests;
- g. At least one representative of energy or mineral development;
- h. At least one representative of Federal grazing permit holders or other permittees; and
- i. At least one representative of commercial recreation activities.

Representatives will be appointed to the Committee to serve 2-year terms. All representatives serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.

Alternates may be appointed to the Committee. Alternates must be approved and appointed by the Secretary before attending meetings as representatives. Alternates shall have experience and/or expertise similar to that of the primary representative. Alternates may deliberate and vote on Committee matters only in the absence of the primary representative.

A quorum is achieved when a majority of representatives are present.

The Committee will elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson by affirmative vote of a majority of its members. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will serve a term of 1 year, renewable for 1 additional year by affirmative vote of a majority of the Committee's members.

- 13. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS:** No Committee or subcommittee member will participate in any Committee or subcommittee deliberations or votes relating to a specific party matter before the Department or its bureaus and offices including a lease, license, permit, contract, grant, claim, agreement, or litigation in which the member or the entity the member represents has a direct financial interest.

As provided in 43 CFR § 1784.2-2, members of the Committee shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by BLM, or in any litigation related thereto. For the purposes of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holdings of a spouse or dependent child.

- 14. SUBCOMMITTEES:** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the BLM. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **RECORDKEEPING:** Detailed records must be kept of each Committee and formally established subcommittees. All records must be made available to the public subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and other approved Agency records disposition schedules.

16. **FILING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary of the Interior

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