

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SALEM DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
IN THE STATE OF OREGON**

**CHARTER**

- 1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Salem District Resource Advisory Committee.
  
- 2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE:** The objectives of the Committee are to improve collaborative relationships between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and local communities and to monitor and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) or the Secretary's designee(s) on projects funded by Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Act), P.L. 106-393. The geographic scope of the jurisdiction of the Committee is the area within the State of Oregon encompassed by the boundaries of the BLM Salem District and such areas outside those boundaries where projects might be undertaken which would benefit resources within the boundaries of the BLM Salem District.
  
- 3. PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:** Since its needs and functions are related to continuing the BLM responsibility for the management of public lands, established by the Act and continued based on necessity, as determined by the Secretary, the need for the Committee is expected to continue indefinitely. However, continuation of the Committee will be subject to periodic review and rechartering every 2 years, as required by Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.
  
- 4. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to whom the Committee reports shall be the District Manager or the District Manager's designee.
  
- 5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** Administrative support for the activities of the Committee will be provided by the office of the DFO for the Committee.
  
- 6. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE:** The Committee will serve in a solely advisory capacity to the DFO. Committee duties and responsibilities are generally as follows:
  - a. review projects proposed for Committee consideration under Title II of the Act;
  - b. monitor the development of projects that have been authorized;
  - c. propose projects and sources of funding to the Secretary, make recommendations regarding changes or adjustments that may be necessary to the projects the Committee is monitoring;

- d. provide continuous coordination with appropriate land management agency officials in monitoring projects consistent with Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000;
- e. provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies, and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully throughout the project development process; and
- f. perform other duties as mandated by a reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

**7. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:**

- a. The Committee will be comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following three general groups specified below.

**Five persons, plus two alternates who:**

- (i) represent organized labor;
- (ii) represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- (iii) represent energy and mineral development interests;
- (iv) represent the commercial timber industry; or
- (v) hold Federal grazing permits, or other land permits within the area for which the Committee is organized.

**Five persons, plus two alternates representing:**

- (i) nationally recognized environmental organizations;
- (ii) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
- (iii) dispersed recreational activities;
- (iv) archaeological and historical interests; or
- (v) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

**Five persons, plus two alternates who:**

- (i) hold State elected office or their designee;
- (ii) hold county or local elected office;
- (iii) represent American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Committee is organized;
- (iv) are school officials or teachers; or
- (v) represent the affected population.

b. In appointing Committee members from the three groups, the Secretary shall provide for a balanced and broad representation within each group.

c. Pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, at least one Committee member shall be an elected official of general purpose government serving within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

**8. MEMBER QUALIFICATION, SELECTION, AND SERVICE:**

- a. Members will be appointed to serve 3-year terms.
- b. Committee members serve without monetary compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

**9. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS:** No Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member 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 the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

**10. MEETINGS:** It is estimated that the Committee will meet at least two times per year, but not less than once annually.

**11. ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS:** Annual activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$25,000, including 6 work months of Federal employee support. Committee funding will be provided by the BLM.

**12. ADDITIONAL BLM REGULATIONS:** The BLM is subject to additional standards and procedures for the creation, operation and termination of BLM advisory committees. Refer to the 1995 BLM regulations (43 CFR subsection 1784) for specific regulations regarding: avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); and records (1784.5-3)

**13. AUTHORITY:** The establishment of the Committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties and responsibilities delegated to the BLM by the Secretary under the current duties of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and projects established by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393, as amended, P.L. 110-28.

                  /s/ Dirk Kempthorne                    
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

July 24, 2007  
Date Signed

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