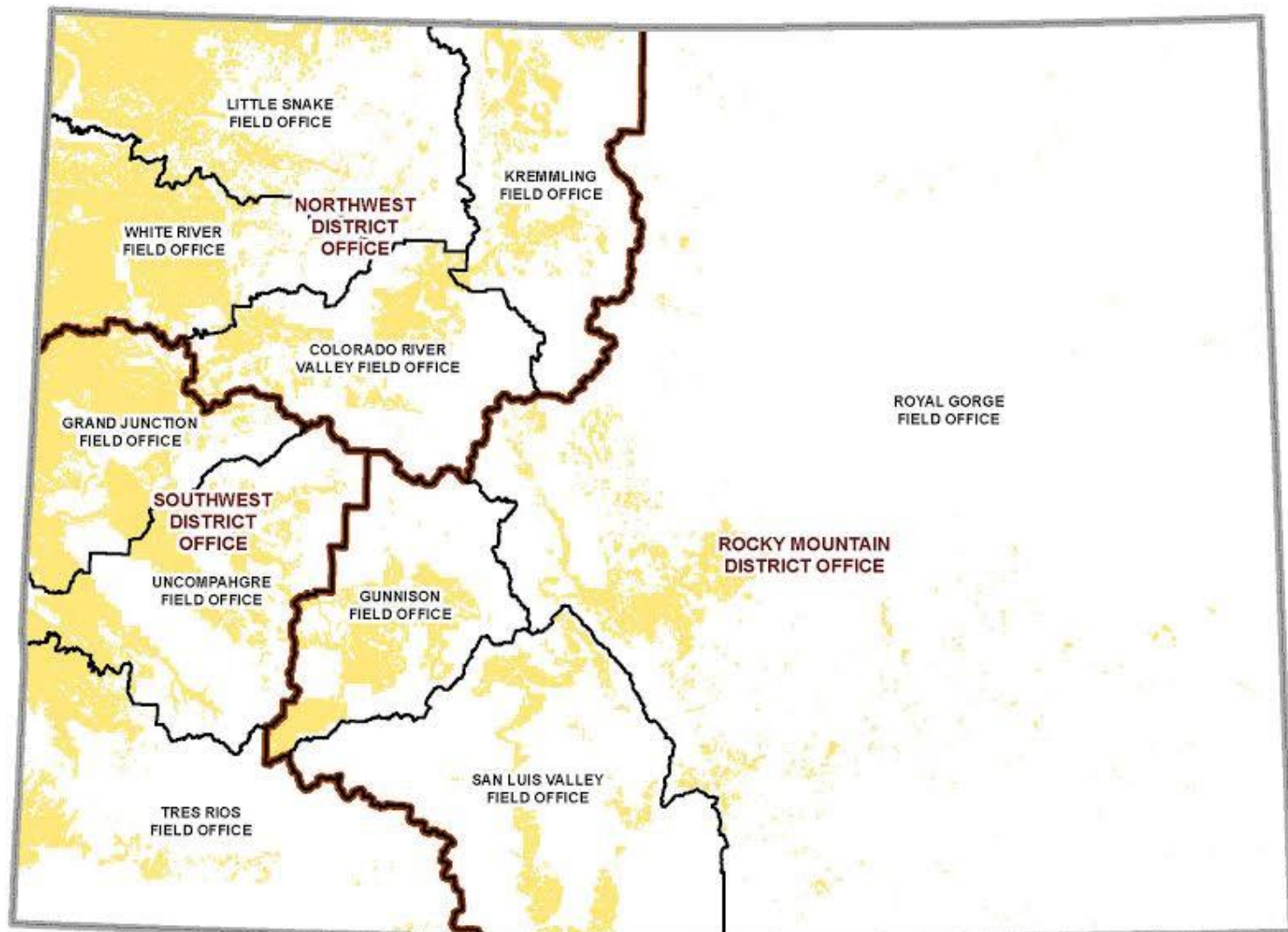


NW RAC REVIEW

April 25, 2019



-  BLM Field Office Areas
-  BLM District Office Areas
-  State Boundary
-  Bureau of Land Management

BLM Colorado District Realignment

Date: 7/20/2016

0 12.5 25 50 75 100 Miles

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Objective from the regulations

- ▣ “Make available to DOI and BLM *the expert counsel of concerned, knowledgeable citizens and public officials* regarding both the formulation of operating guidelines and the preparation and execution of plans and programs for the use and management of (BLM) public lands, their natural and cultural resources, and the environment.”



BLM RAC Composition

- ▣ Category 1 – Grazing permittees, energy interests, OHV interests
- ▣ Category 2 – Environmental, wild horse and burro, dispersed recreation, cultural/historical
- ▣ Category 3 – Elected officials (required), State government, public-at-large

Category 1

- ▣ Wes McStay, Grazing Permittee*
 - ▣ Scott Robertson, Grazing Permittee*
 - ▣ Kirk Daehling, Mining Interests
 - ▣ Jeff Comstock, Rights-of-Way Interests
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- ▣ *Term expires November 2019

Category 2

- ▣ Mike Pritchard, Dispersed Recreation
 - ▣ Carl Conner, Cultural and historical*
 - ▣ Connor Coleman, Environmental
 - ▣ Joe Newhart, Environmental
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- ▣ *Term expires November 2019

Category 3

- ▣ Tom Jankovsky, Elected Official*
 - ▣ Don Cook, Public-at-Large
 - ▣ Callie Hendrickson, State of Colorado
 - ▣ Merritt Linke, Public-at-Large
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- ▣ *Term expires November 2019

Charter

- ▣ The Council provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Designated Federal Officer



Advice

- ▣ Formal advice – resolutions, letters, etc. requiring a vote
- ▣ Informal advice – discussions of the group at meetings



Formal votes

- ▣ Quorum – Three from each category must be present
- ▣ Three from each category must vote yes to refer to DFO, who forwards to Secretary through BLM
- ▣ Handout

Unanimous vote

- ▣ When RAC feels its advice is being arbitrarily disregarded, the council may request that the Secretary respond directly.
- ▣ Such a request can only be made upon the agreement of all council members

Agenda

- ▣ DFO sets agenda and meeting locations
- ▣ Close coordination with RAC and RAC chair



Recreation Enhancement Act role

- ▣ Assumed “Recreation RAC” responsibilities for BLM Feb 2011, reaffirmed May 2012
- ▣ Review and vote on recreation fee proposals for NW District Field Offices

Public involvement

- ▣ NW RAC meetings are open to the public
- ▣ Must be announced in Federal Register and through local media
- ▣ Public has opportunity to address NW RAC about issues during specific comment periods

Reporting requirements

- ▣ Department of the Interior now requires a summary of actions taken by RACs after each meeting
- ▣ Any requests related to the RACs (nominations, meeting dates) also require a justification memo
- ▣ DOI wants to ensure RACs and FACA groups are functional and relevant