

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

WESTERN OREGON RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

CHARTER

- 1. Official Designation:** Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (Council).
- 2. Authority:** The Council is a statutory advisory committee established under section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. § 1739). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory councils. Refer to the 1995 BLM amended regulations (43 CFR 1784) for specific regulations regarding composition (1784.6-1(c)); avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.4-1) notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); records (1784.5-3); course of instruction for members (1784.6-1(f)); and quorum requirements (1784.6-1 (e)). Pursuant to Section 804(c)(1)(D) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) (16 U.S.C. § 6803(d)(1)(D)), the Council is authorized to make recommendations on BLM and U.S. Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals; and pursuant to the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Act) of 2000, (16 U.S.C. § 500 note), the Council is authorized to make recommendations on Secure Rural Schools Title II project proposals. The Council is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).
- 3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:** The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located, in whole or in part, within the BLM's Northwest Oregon, Coos Bay, Salem, Eugene, Medford, and Roseburg Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area.
- 4. Description of Duties:** Council duties and responsibilities, where applicable, are as follows:
 1. Upon the request of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), develop recommendations for BLM with respect to land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the DFO.
 2. Review projects proposed by participating counties and persons via title II of the SRS Act.
 3. Propose projects and funding concerned under 7123 of the Act to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary).
 4. Provide early and continuous coordination with appropriate land management agency officials in recommending projects consistent with purposes of title II of the SRS Act.

5. Provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, Tribes, land management agencies, and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning at the early stages of the project development process under title II of the SRS Act.
6. Monitor projects that have been approved under Section 7124 and then advise the DFO on the progress of the monitoring effects.
7. Make recommendations to the Secretary for any appropriate changes or adjustments to the projects being monitored by the Council.

The Council may only address title II projects when the SRS Act is in effect.

8. Upon the request of the DFO, the Council may make recommendations regarding a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee whenever the recommendations relate to public concerns in the State or region covered by the Council regarding:
 - (a) the implementation of a standard recreation fee, an expanded amenity recreation fee, or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site;
 - (b) the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee; or
 - (c) the expansion or limitation of the recreation fee program.

The Council may make these recommendations to the BLM when the BLM's amenity recreation fees are at issue and it would facilitate the effective implementation of the FLREA. With the concurrence of the FS when their amenity recreation fees are at issue, the Council may also make these recommendations for BLM and/or FS if that would facilitate the effective implementation of the FLREA.

At the conclusion of each meeting or shortly thereafter, provide a detailed recommendation report, including meeting minutes, to the DFO.

- 5. Official to Whom the Council Reports:** The Council provides advice to the Secretary through the DFO.
- 6. Support:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the office of the DFO.
- 7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council's activities are estimated to be \$50,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and 0.30 Federal staff years support.

- 8. Designated Federal Officer:** The Oregon/Washington State Director will designate the DFO, a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all Council and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Council will meet approximately two to four times annually and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
- 10. Duration:** Continuing.
- 11. Termination:** The Council will become inactive 2 years from the date the Charter is filed unless, prior to that date, the Charter is renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
- 12. Membership and Designation:**

1. Council members appointed by the Secretary will be representative of the following three interest groups:

GROUP 1- PERSONS WHO:

- (a) represent energy and mineral development (with a special emphasis on transportation or rights-of-way interests);
- (b) represent the commercial timber industry;
- (c) represent organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;
- (d) represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; or
- (e) hold Federal grazing or other land permits or represent non-industrial private forest landowners.

GROUP 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING:

- (a) nationally recognized environmental organizations;
- (b) regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
- (c) dispersed recreational activities;
- (d) archaeological and historical interests; or

- (e) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

GROUP 3 – PERSONS WHO:

- (a) hold State elected office;
 - (b) hold county or local elected office;
 - (c) represent Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized;
 - (d) are school officials or teachers with knowledge in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or
 - (e) represent the affected public-at-large and/or be employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water.
2. The Council will be comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the three interest groups.
 3. Members will be appointed to the Council to serve 3-year terms. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

13. Ethics Responsibilities of Members: No Council or subcommittee member will participate in any Council 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 Council 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. For the purposes of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holding 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 Council 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: The records of the Council, and formally and informally established subcommittees of the Council, shall be handled in accordance with General Record Schedule 6.2, and other approved Agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552).



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