

**Southwest Resource Advisory Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2016**  
**Glenwood Springs, Colorado**

**Southwest Resource Advisory Council Members**

Tif Rodriguez, John Reams, Mary Monroe Brown, Jimbo Buickerood, Roger Cesario, Bill Gleason, Mark Roeber, Phil Chamberland

**Staff**

Marietta Eaton, Barb Sharrow, Connie Clementson, Elijah Waters, Shannon Borders, Sara Dawson

Warren King-The Wilderness Society, TJ Brown-Consultant

The meeting was called to order by chairperson John Reams at 8:10 a.m.

**Public Comment**

None

A quorum for the meeting was not determined, and introductions commenced. The following changes to the minutes were suggested included adding Mark Roeber in attendance, correct Edd Franz's name and add Mary Monroe Brown as present for the Oil and Gas update section. A motion to approve the minutes will be made at the next meeting.

**Discussion**

- The Southwest RAC members in attendance agreed that BLM Colorado should continue with three councils to ensure representation across all areas, to avoid travel difficulties and to cover all resources via expertise in each category.
- Jimbo suggested the BLM send information one week prior to each meeting with any homework highlighted.
- Tif and Mary suggested adding an old business as an agenda item.
- The RAC members agreed they would like to continue Q&A on the agenda and would like to continue to receive field manager reports.
- Shannon will research call in or web based meetings.
- The RAC members will determine side boards for attending in-person versus teleconference meetings.
- John reminded everyone the importance of attending the June meeting to have a quorum for the MLP presentation and potential resolution.
- Jimbo asked about the continuity of district leadership, and Barb indicated she will act as the Southwest District Manager until September 2016.

- Jimbo is trying to determine a way to come up with a comment summary regarding the Master Leasing Plan Area of Interest prior to the June meeting. The sub-group members will meet to outline a presentation for next meeting.

### **Areas of Critical Environmental Concern**

See linked PowerPoint [presentation](#) by Connie Clementson

### **Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan Update**

See linked PowerPoint [presentation](#) by Barbara Sharrow

### **Upcoming Meetings and Field Trips**

- June 9-10: ACEC Field Trip on Thursday and the meeting is at the Mancos Community Center @ 9 a.m. (Public Comment 11:30 a.m.)
- August 19, Gunnison, CO (Tentative)

### **Public Comment submitted via email**

From: "Welt, Kathy" <KWelt@archcoal.com>

Date: 04/27/2016 08:27 (GMT-07:00)

To: "Mark Roeber (mroeber@deltacounty.com)" <mroeber@deltacounty.com>

Cc: bsharrow@blm.gov

Subject: RAC Public Comment

I could not make it back to the RAC meetings yesterday or today. Would you please offer a couple of brief comments for me? Sorry it's "rough" in form ...

"The BLM RACs can be a valuable and meaningful tool for communicating ideas and advice up the chain of command on decisions being made about the management of public lands (i.e. BLM managed lands and resources). As you heard on Monday, the communication from the RAC is most effectively done in the form of resolutions that BLM managers can use to more effectively communicate to BLM leadership, even in Washington, DC. As such, please consider a resolution today to urge the BLM leadership to very carefully recognize that there are differences between eastern perceptions and what public lands and resources exist in the west and how they have been successfully managed over the years. Also, that western federal lands are diverse, including BLM public lands (including mineral resources), National Forests, National Parks, National Monuments, etc.) and are managed, including protections and uses in compliance with FLPMA, MUSYA, etc. Not all public lands and forests are available for use, but those that are should remain available for appropriate, permitted uses like mineral development and grazing, for example. It seems that in recent years, however, that the land management rules (including varied uses) is being forced to only land preservation, as if all lands should be managed as parks or preserves and ignore the many valuable resources that should also be available to the American public. Also recognize that in the west that these federal resources have often been the reason that many communities were developed and exist today. Their existence is being threatened by these DC driven

rule changes. These communities/ these real people/ these families matter and need to be recognized as these rule changes are being considered in DC.”

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### **Suggested Agenda Topics**

- Master Leasing Plan
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- Anasazi Heritage Center fee proposal
- Flodine & Yellow Jacket Grazing Environmental Assessment

### **Adjournment**

John Reams adjourned the meeting.