

# Bureau of Land Management

## Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

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### MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

For  
October 2016



RAC Chairperson Clive Rooney

Mark Albers, District Manager



**Central Montana RAC 2016 October Meeting Minutes Summary  
October 12-13, 2016  
GN Hotel  
Malta, MT**

Central Montana Resource Advisory Council Met October 12-13, 2016 at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, Montana.

-On Oct. 12, Chairperson Clive Rooney led the Welcome, Meeting Notes, Agenda review, and Chairperson Synopsis.

- No members of the public offered public comment during the Public Comment time.

- BLM Forester Bruce Reid gave a presentation to update the RAC on the Limekiln Road status and plan. The BLM is looking at way to continue using the old logging road for wildland fire suppression access and recreational purposes. It would be more cost effective to the American taxpayers to leave the road in place rather than try to obliterate it. Measures are being taken to plant grass and trees along the section of road visible from Lewistown.

-BLM Engineer Carl Patten briefed the RAC about Temporary Emergency Closed Roads in the district. Some roads were closed due to erosion. Measure are being taken to repair the roads and address the erosion issues.

-BLM Glasgow Field Manager Pat Gunderson delivered a informational briefing to the RAC about the multipronged work effort at Glasgow Field Office to improve Sage-grouse habitat and keep the Great Sage-grouse from being listed on the Endangered Species List.

-BLM Malta Field Manager Tom Darrington gave an informational briefing to the RAC regarding the Grazing Preference Transfer and Permit Renewal for American Prairie Reserve.

-BLM North Central Montana District Manager Mark Albers provide a district manager's update to the RAC about current topics the district is involved in.

-A Round Table Discussion was held to give RAC members the opportunity to share what they have been hearing from their constituents and talk about current issues. Each member was given the opportunity to speak. Recurring topics included the Sage-grouse and the American Prairie Reserve.

-On Oct. 13, the RAC worked on the next meeting's date and agenda topics.

-BLM Archaeologist Josh Chase delivered to the RAC an informational briefing on the Henry Smith Archaeological Site. A prescribed burn was conducted in the area to remove vegetation that was obstructing the view of Indian Rock formations and tee pee rings. The test were also conducted to determine the effects of fire on several types of artifacts. Drone flights were also conducted to map the rock formations.

-The Field Trip to the Henry Smith Archaeological Site was canceled due to weather conditions.