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BLM Seeks Nominations to Resource Advisory Councils

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced that it is seeking public nominations for positions on 30 citizen-based sounding boards for BLM initiatives, proposals, and policy changes.

Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) provide advice and recommendations for the BLM to consider on a range of resource and land management issues. The BLM maintains 37 such chartered advisory committees located in the West. Of those committees, 30 are RACs. Each Council consists of 10 to 15 members from diverse interests in local communities, and they assist in the development of committee recommendations that address public land management issues. Established by charter, RACs are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in the communities that the agency serves.

"The BLM Wyoming Resource Advisory Council is an important asset in our commitment to working with local communities to ensure healthy, working public lands through shared conservation stewardship," said BLM Wyoming State Director Mary Jo Rugwell. "We value the input that we receive from the community leaders who serve on the RAC, who provide on-the-ground perspective and solutions for a wide array of public lands issues."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on a Council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be reviewed on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the Council's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Letters of reference must accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Each of the 30 RACs has different positions open in the following categories. The BLM Wyoming RAC will have one opening in Category Two and one opening in Category Three, starting in July 2018.

Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the commercial timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three – Representatives of State, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, Alaska Natives as appropriate to the state

of Alaska; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

As published in a notice in today's Federal Register, the BLM will consider nominations for 45 days (until June 4, 2018). For more information, please contact Emmet Pruss, BLM Wyoming RAC Meeting Coordinator, 307-775-6266, epruss@blm.gov. For BLM Wyoming RAC nomination materials and instructions, please visit: <https://www.blm.gov/wyoming-rac>.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.