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COLORADO FRONT RANGE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2011-03

Resolution in Support of Existing BLM Colorado Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) Taking on the Role of Recreation RACs (RRACs) for Public Lands

WHEREAS; The Colorado RRAC has not been functional since the expiration of its Charter in 2009 and the RRAC cannot reconvene until the Charter is renewed, which is pending the completion of the Board Appointment process by the Secretary of Agriculture.

WHEREAS; The RRAC has not been able to reconvene, all BLM and US Forest Service recreation fee proposals have been tabled since 2009.

WHEREAS; The BLM has the ability to modify existing Charters and publish Federal Register Notices in a relatively timely manner to allow the BLM Colorado RACs to take on the role of the RRAC for BLM Colorado recreation fee proposals.

WHEREAS; It is understood that the BLM is limited in its ability to correct the RRAC process and the intent is not for BLM Colorado RACs to replace the RRAC.

WHEREAS; It is understood that the BLM Colorado RACs would function within the guidelines of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) and any other required laws and regulations governing recreation fee proposals on Federal public lands.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Colorado Front Range Resource Advisory Council supports the BLM Colorado RACs taking on the role of RRAC under the following stipulations:

1. BLM Colorado RACs modify existing Charters to serve as RRACs for a trial period of one year from the date the modified charters are in place.
2. The BLM Colorado RACs will only address BLM recreation fee proposals within each RAC's respective geographic area.
3. The BLM will provide adequate training in FLREA to RAC members.
4. The BLM will provide complete packages consistent with FLREA in a timely manner prior to RAC meetings.
5. Recreation fee proposal discussions will include local and regional stakeholders.
6. There would be a mandatory re-evaluation of the BLM Colorado RAC's role in providing RRAC functions after one year.

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