

BLM Colorado Statewide RAC Meeting, Salida, CO

Friday, February 25, 2011

Front Range RAC Breakout Meeting Notes

Attendees

RAC Members:

Category 1: Bill Dvorak, Ed Nielsen, Virginia Patton

Category 2: Tom Olson, Aaron Clark, Jay Heeter

Category 3: Loren Whittemore (Chair), Laura Benjamin, Al Trujillo, John Stevenson

Dan Dallas, Acting Designated Federal Officer (DFO); Cass Cairns, RAC Coordinator

Guests

None

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Chairperson Loren Whittemore followed by the pledge of allegiance.

RAC Nomination Process – RAC members asked questions about the upcoming nomination process; when nominations are open and which current council member's positions are expiring this year. RAC members were advised on the important aspects of a nomination application. Reference letters should address a nominee's qualifications as a representative of the interest area they propose to represent; the nominee's involvement in said interest; collaborative skills and ability to come to a consensus with others of diverse interests; and knowledge of the RAC's geographic area.

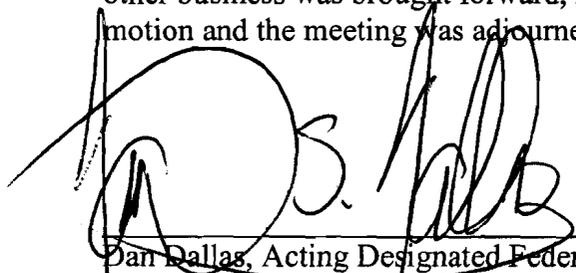
Secretary Salazar's Youth in the Great Outdoors Initiative – The RAC initiated a discussion about some of the comments Secretary Ken Salazar made during his discussion on CSpan about his new initiative. The RAC was particularly concerned about Salazar's comment on the current difficulties for full accountability under the current systems in place. There was a discussion on what it would take to improve the existing system, which would involve the Office of Management and Budget and Congress.

Agenda Topics for April 27 Front Range RAC Meeting – Presentations and discussions during the Statewide RAC meeting prompted the desire for additional information on a few subjects during the upcoming April Front Range RAC meeting such as the Federal Lands and Recreation Enhancement Act, the new BLM 14-day camping limit rule, and discussion on the recreation fee determination process.

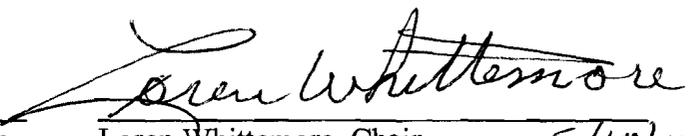
Front Range RAC Determination on the Statewide RAC Resolution in Support of Existing BLM Colorado Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) Taking on the Role of Recreation RACs (RRACs) for Public Lands – A draft resolution was brought before the Front Range RAC that supported BLM Colorado RACs taking on the role of RRACs for a one-year trial period under specific stipulations. It was emphasized that the intention was not for BLM RACs to replace the Colorado RRAC. Ed Nielsen motioned to pass the resolution as written and submitted by the Front Range RAC. It was seconded simultaneously by three other members

and then passed unanimously. The resolution was signed by the DFO and RAC Chair and will be submitted to the BLM Colorado State Director.

Motion to Close – Loren Whittemore, Chairperson, called for further business and when no other business was brought forward, he motioned to adjourn. Virginia Patton seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



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