

NV RAC Recreation Subcommittee Update

- The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), of 2004, mandates that most states with BLM and Forest Service lands create a Recreation Resource Advisory Council.
- The purpose of this Council is to review any proposed recreation fee changes/proposals and ensure the agencies include public involvement before any fee change is implemented.
- In 2005 a listening session was held at the NV State Office. BLM NV and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest determined our best option would be to form a Recreation Subcommittee (aka RecRAC) that would provide their recommendation to the respective RAC. The RAC then provides their final recommendations to either the State Director or Forest Supervisor.
- Our budgets are flat and we have aging facilities. The Recreation Fee program is an excellent tool developed to assist the federal land management agencies with funding developed sites and continuing to provide these additional amenities to the general public.
- To date the NV RecRAC has been instrumental in recommending fee changes at numerous Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest campgrounds and at Red Rock Canyon NCA. The 2010 Red Rock Canyon NCA Business Plan and fee increases have been the RecRAC's largest fee proposal to date. The fee increases have been a huge success with the vast majority of users being fine with the increase.
- The RecRAC meeting is being postponed until later this year as we do not have any fee proposals to review. BLM Elko is currently finalizing a revised business plan and beginning the public involvement process regarding possibly implementing fees at the California Trail Center. The next RRAC meeting is tentatively scheduled to occur at the CA Trail Center, Elko, late 2012, date TBD.
- At last year's Tri-RAC meeting it was determined that at least three members of each RAC would participate in the RecRAC each year. This was to ensure the RecRAC would have a balanced representation across the State.
- At each individual RAC meeting on Friday please determine if the 3, or more, current RecRAC members from your RAC are still able to participate on the 2012 RecRAC. We are hoping the current RecRAC members will continue with the group (Please refer to the current RecRAC Membership list on the next page). Of course, new members are always welcome.
- After the Tri-RAC meetings we are requesting each District RAC Coordinator email Barb Keleher, our Recreation Lead, and Rochelle Francisco, State RAC Coordinator, the names of the 3, or more, 2012 RecRAC members from each RAC.
- Afterwards Barb and Mike Rowan, of the FS, will organize a conference call for the Subcommittee members.
- Additional information pertaining to FLREA and the NV RecRAC can be found at: www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory/recreation_rac.html

Current NV RAC Recreation Subcommittee Members

Interim Chairperson

Will Roger Peterson

Mojave-Southern Great Basin

Elise McAllister, Motorized Recreation

Kenny Anderson, Native American Tribe

Julie Von Tobel Gleason, Wild Horses and Burros

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Anthony Carone, Energy/Minerals

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Laurie Carson, Elected Official

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Michael Drews, Public-at-Large

Non-RAC Volunteer Member (grandfathered in from first RecRAC meeting)

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Amy Lueders, State Director, BLM Nevada State Office

Jeanne Higgins, Supervisor, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

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Barb Keleher, BLM Nevada State Office Outdoor Recreation Planner

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