

How do I add my voice to the RAC ?

You can find RAC vacancies advertised in the *Federal Register*, on the BLM Web site (www.blm.gov), and through a variety of media outlets. One-third of the positions are advertised each year. The announcements contain current RAC openings, local points of contact, and detailed application procedures. In general:

- You must submit a completed application (available through the BLM website or your local BLM office) within the “open” period;
- You must supply letters of reference demonstrating your ability to represent the specific interest area(s) for which you are applying; and
- You must document examples of your commitment to collaborative decision-making.

Although the application process begins with your local BLM office, final appointments are made by the Secretary of the Interior. The local BLM office compiles and reviews all applications in consultation with the governor. After endorsement by the local BLM office your application is sent to the BLM Headquarters Office in Washington, DC, for approval by the BLM Director and Secretary of the Interior. The entire process can take

4-5 months. Your patience is appreciated during this time.



The Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Councils provide a forum that brings together representative stakeholders with diverse (and often competing) interests to address both emerging and long-standing challenges associated with the multiple-use management of public lands.

The BLM RACs continually demonstrate that consensus-driven recommendations and collaborative efforts enjoy a high level of public support and lead to sustainable outcomes that benefit America’s natural resources.

For more information...

Please visit www.blm.gov or visit your local BLM office

Resource Advisory Councils



Our Mission...

It is the mission of the *Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.*

What are RACs?

Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) bring together citizens representing wide-ranging view-points to provide advice to the BLM on public land management issues within the geographic boundaries of the RAC.

Members represent a balance of three interest areas:

- Commercial interests such as energy and mineral development, grazing, and timber;
- Environmental, cultural, and historical interests; and
- State and local government, Indian tribes, academia, and the public.

To be eligible for RAC appointment, you must be qualified through education, knowledge, or experience.

RAC members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and typically serve 3-year terms.

What do RACs do ?

The RACs provide advice to the BLM on land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the RAC is established.

The RAC will meet two to four times annually. All RAC meetings are open to the public and follow the Federal Advisory Committee Act rules for transparency and public involvement.

The BLM determines which issues a RAC will discuss before each meeting, and announces upcoming meetings in the *Federal Register* and through local media outlets. The meeting notice includes the time, date, location, and agenda items to be discussed at the meeting. Any organization, association, or individual may file a statement or appear before the RAC regarding topics on the meeting agenda.

RAC recommendations address public land management issues, including: land use planning, fire management, landscape health, ecoregional assessments, habitat for threatened and endangered species, off-highway vehicle use, noxious weed management, recreation, oil and gas development, wild horse and burro management, and other topics.

What do RAC members do?

As a RAC member, you are expected to:

- Attend meetings and field trips that have been scheduled in advance and participate in public discussion of issues during the meetings.
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of issues affecting the geographic area.
 - Provide BLM officials with opinions and advice representing your point-of-view, your experience and knowledge about pertinent issues, and your reflections on data presented to the RAC by the public, BLM staff, or other sources.
- Provide constituents with feedback from the RAC meetings and interaction with BLM staff .
- Provide the BLM with input from your respective constituent group.

BLM Advisory Committee Boundaries

