

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP
CHARTER**

- 1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG).
- 2. AUTHORITY:** The PAWG is an advisory committee established per the Record of Decision for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area, and Section 309 of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1739. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory councils. Refer to the 1995 amended BLM regulations (43 CFR 1784) for specific regulations regarding composition (1784.6-1(c)); avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.6-1(e)); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); records (1784.5-3); and course of instruction for members (1784.6-1(f)). The PAWG also functions in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.
- 3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The PAWG provides advice on matters concerning mitigation and monitoring of the public resources located within the approximately 200,000-acres analyzed in the Pinedale Anticline Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The PAWG will not provide advice on the allocation and expenditures of Federal funds or on personnel actions.
- 4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** The duties of the PAWG are solely advisory. PAWG duties and responsibilities are as follows:
 - a. Develop recommendations for the BLM regarding matters relating to monitoring and mitigation of oil and gas development-as described in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area. At the direction of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), the PAWG may review and analyze information, recommend issues for evaluation, and provide advice on the issues presented.
 - b. Review the implementation of construction and rehabilitation operations through an annual field inspection to provide advice to ensure that the mitigation measures are reasonable and effective.
 - c. Advise the BLM on working with stakeholders to develop or enhance resource management programs and objectives.
 - d. Make recommendations on future PAWG resource management priorities.
- 5. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COUNCIL REPORTS:** The PAWG reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the DFO.
- 6. SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the PAWG will be provided by the BLM Pinedale Field Office.

7. **ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the PAWG's activities are estimated to be \$33,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and 0.30 staff years.
8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The DFO to whom the PAWG reports is BLM's Pinedale Field Office Manager. The DFO is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all of the PAWG's and subcommittees' meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all PAWG and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the PAWG reports.
9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The PAWG will meet approximately four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
10. **DURATION:** Continuing.
11. **TERMINATION:** The PAWG is subject to biennial review and will not meet or take any official action without a valid current charter. The charter will cease to be a valid current charter 2 years after the date it is filed unless it is renewed prior to its expiration date and is filed in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA.
12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION:**

- a. Council members, appointed by the Secretary, will be representative of the following three interest groups:

GROUP 1 - PERSONS WHO:

1. Hold Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the PAWG is organized and represent interests associated with grazing;
2. Represent interest associated with transportation or rights-of-way;
3. Represent energy and mineral development; or
4. Own adjacent land to the area for which the PAWG is organized and represent interests associated with land ownership.

GROUP 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING:

1. Nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations;
2. Dispersed recreation interests (i.e. hunter, angler, outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities);
3. Archaeological and historical organizations; or
4. The affected public-at-large.

GROUP 3 - PERSONS WHO:

1. Hold state, county, or local elected office;
 2. Are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water;
 3. Are employed as academicians by a natural resource management or natural sciences organization (i.e. museum, university); or
 4. Are employed by the local government.
- b. The PAWG will be comprised of 10 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the three interests groups.

13. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS: No PAWG or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the PAWG shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

14. SUBCOMMITTEES: Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the PAWG for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. The PAWG Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. RECORDKEEPING: The Records of the PAWG, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the PAWG, shall be handled in accordance with General Record Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved Agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.


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