

**BLM Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting
Thermopolis, Wyo.
March 12-14, 2014**

Key topics: bentonite mining process and reclamation challenges, enhanced oil recovery, off-site mitigation, cultural resource issues, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), public participation regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Wednesday, March 12, fire station, 400 South 14th St.,
Thermopolis, Wyo.**

- 1:00 p.m **Welcome:** Don Simpson, state director, Wyoming State Office (WYSO)
- 1:15 **Worland Field Office overview:** Becky Good, field manager, Worland Field Office (WFO)
- 1:45 **Introduction to bentonite:** Alex Jensen, geologist, WFO; Marit Bovee, archaeologist, WFO; Becky Good
- 2:30 **Break**
- 2:45 **Bentonite mining panel:** moderator – Steve Dondero, district manager, Wind River/Big Horn Basin District (WR/BBD)
- 4:00 **Introduction to enhanced oil recovery:** Frank Sanders, petroleum engineer, WFO
- 4:30 **NAGPRA issue:** Ranel Capron, archaeologist, WYSO; Kathy Boden, archaeologist, WYSO; Edward McAuslan, coroner, Fremont County
- 5:15 **Coordinate logistics for field trip**
- 5:20 **Adjourn**

Thursday, March 13, site visit followed by meeting at the fire station, 400 South 14th St., Thermopolis, Wyo.

The public is welcome to join the site visit, but must provide their own transportation

- 7:30 a.m. **Site visit departs from the Best Western Plus Plaza Hotel, 116 E. Park St., Thermopolis, Wyo.** Stops include: Meeteetse Draw, Wyo-Ben Lucerne Bentonite Plant and Legacy Oil Field.
- Noon **Return to the Best Western**
- 12:30 p.m. **Working lunch (fire station)/discussions generated by the site visit:** Frank Sanders; Alex Jensen; Marit Bovee; Kathy Boden; Ranel Capron; Rick Magstadt, Wyo-Ben
- 1:30 **Deputy state director (DSD) reports**
- 2:00 **Enhanced oil recovery panel:** moderator – Becky Good
- 3:15 **Break**



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- 3:30 **The National Minerals Lab presentation:** Larry Claypool, DSD,
WYSO; Marilyn Wegweiser, lab director, WYSO
- 4:00 p.m. **NEPA subcommittee presentation and RAC vote:** Marilyn Mackey,
chairman, RAC
- 4:45 **District manager reports**
- 5:15 **Adjourn**

**Friday, March 14, fire station, 400 South 14th St., Thermopolis,
Wyo.**

- 8:00 a.m **Public comment period**
- 8:30 **Greater Sage-grouse discussion:** Buddy Green, DSD, WYSO;
Caleb Hiner, senior resource advisor, WYSO
- 10:00 **New business/review RAC priority list:** Marilyn Mackey
- 10:30 **Future meeting planning:** Mark Storzer, district manager, High
Desert District
- 11:30 **Awards and recognition:** Don Simpson
- Noon **Adjourn**