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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-0777-XQ]

#### Call for Nomination for Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancy on Resource Advisory Council and call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in Nevada, to fill a vacancy on that RAC for an employee of the State of Nevada. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to BLM's Winnemucca and Carson City Field Offices on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, the interests represented by the individuals appointed to the RAC must be balanced and representative of the various issues concerned with the management of public lands.

These include three categories, one of which is Category three, holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

The employee of a State agency whose term has not yet expired has resigned from this RAC, and this notice is to solicit nominations for a replacement. Nominations should be sent to Jo Simpson, Nevada State Office, BLM,

P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada, 89520-0006; Telephone (775) 861-6586.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo Simpson, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Communications, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada, 89520-0006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-00-1020-PB]

#### New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of council meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on August 23-25, 2000, at the Best Western Inn and Suites, 3009 West Highway 66, Gallup, NM 87301.

There will be an optional all day a field trip on Wednesday, August 23, 2000. Planned for the first stop will be the Pittsburgh and Midway Mine to view the mining process and reclamation/revegetation of the mine area. The tour will proceed to the El Malpais National Conservation Area for an overview of the geology of the area, and a final stop at the bat caves. The optional tour will start at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Gallup, NM, at 8:30 a.m. and return to Gallup by 9 p.m. Transportation will be provided for RAC members. The meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2000, starts at 8:00 a.m. and will end about 5 p.m. The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting.

On Friday, August 25, 2000, the meeting starts at 8 a.m. and will end about 3 p.m. The ending time of 3 p.m. may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC. The draft agenda

for the RAC meeting includes an agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on June 14 through 16, 2000, in Taos, NM, a check in from the RAC members, and the following planned presentations that also include discussions; a progress report on House Memorial 15, and a Standards and Guidelines update. The time from 10 a.m. until 12 noon will be taken up with a review of the Off Highway Vehicle issue. There will be a discussion on a handout from the previous meeting and review of the outcome of three Listening Meetings on the topic being held throughout the State during July.

Starting at 1 p.m. on August 24, 2000, there will be a 15 minute Public Comment Period for members of the public who are not able to be present for the regular Public Comment Period on Friday, August 25th, to address the RAC. Following will be presentations on the Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mine, which also include discussions. The main focus will be on reclamation and revegetation of the mine areas. Planned presentations included will be representatives from the Pittsburgh and Midway Mine, the Navajo Nation, the State of NM, the Bureau of Land Management, and a speaker representing an environmental group. The meeting on Thursday will end about 5 p.m. The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting.

The meeting on Friday, August 25th will start at 8 a.m. with a review of the agenda thus far. At 8:15 a.m., BLM State of the Field Office reports will take place, presented by the Field Office managers. The regular Public Comment Period for the Public to address the RAC is on the Friday, August 25, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12:00 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. Anyone wishing to address the RAC should be present at the 10 a.m. starting time. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its agenda items. At 1 p.m. RAC Subcommittee reports from the Urban and Open Space Subcommittee, the Roads and Trails