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BLM Seeks Nominations to the Arizona Resource Advisory Council

Bureau seeks broad spectrum of nominees to help improve public land management nationwide

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) [announced](#) that it is seeking public nominations for positions on 27 Resource Advisory Committees/Councils (RACs) nationwide, including Arizona's RAC. These citizen-based committees assist in the development of recommendations that address public land management issues.

The BLM maintains 37 such advisory committees formally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the Federal Policy and Land Management Act (FLPMA) across the west. Each RAC consists of 10 to 15 members from diverse interests in local communities, and they assist in the development of recommendations that address public land management issues.

The Arizona RAC consists of 15 members whom are critical in assisting the BLM in continuing to be a good neighbor in communities served by the Bureau, providing advice and recommendations on issues including land use planning, fire management, off-highway vehicle use, recreation, oil and gas exploration, noxious weed management, grazing issues, and wild horse and burro herd management issues.

"Resource Advisory Councils provide the BLM with vital feedback on current issues, concerns and proposals, and enable us to engage local communities and stakeholders to improve our management of public lands," said BLM State Director Raymond Suazo. "Our goal is to ensure that the membership of every RAC encompasses a wide variety of perspectives and backgrounds to guide our work as effectively as possible."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve. Nominees, who must be residents of the state, will be reviewed based on their training, education, and knowledge of the RAC's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Letters of reference must accompany all nominations from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

The Arizona RAC has 4 positions open in the following categories:

- Category One – Representatives of organizations associated with energy/mineral development; federal grazing permit holders; the timber industry; transportation or rights-of-way; off-highway vehicles users; and commercial and developed outdoor recreation. There is one position open in this category.
- Category Two – Representatives of archeological and historic organizations; dispersed recreation users; wild horse and burros organizations; and nationally or regionally-recognized environmental organizations. There is one position open in this category.
- Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; Indian tribes located within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; academicians employed in natural resource management or natural sciences; employees of a state agency responsible for management of natural resources; and the public at large. There are two positions open in this category.

As published in a [***Federal Register***](#) notice on January 10, 2020, the BLM will consider nominations for 45 days. All nominations must be received no later than February 24, 2020. For more information, please contact Dolores Garcia, dagarcia@blm.gov or 602-417-9241. For more information about the Arizona RAC and the application, visit the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/arizona>

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.