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Bureau of Land Management Seeks Advisory Council Nominations for the Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

LAS CRUCES, N.M. – The Bureau of Land Management announces that it is seeking public nominations for vacant positions on its Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), which advises the BLM on public land issues within the Las Cruces and Pecos District Offices and Socorro Field Office. As advertised in the *Federal Register*, the BLM will consider nominations until Oct. 21, 2021.

The Southern New Mexico RAC, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, helps the BLM carry out its stewardship of more than 10.4 million acres of public lands. The RAC consists of 12 members with an interest or expertise in public land management, including such individuals as conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials, and academics. The membership of the RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get varying perspectives to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple use. Learn more about the RAC at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council>.

“The BLM Resource Advisory Councils serves as a forum for the community conversation, which is a component of public land management,” **said BLM Las Cruces District Manager Bill Childress.** “RAC members provide a valuable service to the Bureau by delving into topics and proposing solutions on a wide variety of land and resource use issues.”

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the State of New Mexico, will be selected based on their training, education, and knowledge of the RAC’s geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications. This is the second call for nominations. If you have already applied, you do not need to reapply.

The Southern New Mexico RAC is soliciting applications for one vacancy in Category One and two vacancies in Category Three (one of whom must be an Elected Official). Members are appointed for 3-year terms. The categories represent the following interests:

- Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

- Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.
- Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

To receive an application, contact Southern New Mexico RAC Coordinator Glen Garnand at (575) 627-0209 or by email at ggarnand@blm.gov. You can also download the application at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/apply>. The deadline for submitting nominations is Oct. 21, 2021. Individuals may submit their signed application and letter of recommendation by either email to the above email address or by mail to the Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office, Attention: RAC Coordinator Glen Garnand, 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, NM 88201-1287.

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This year, we invite everyone to reimagine your public lands as we celebrate 75 years of the BLM's stewardship and service to the American people. The BLM manages approximately 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. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.