

**AGENDA**  
**Pecos District**  
**Resource Advisory Council Meeting**  
**September 20, 2011**  
**Roswell, NM**

**10:00 am**      **Welcome** (Doug Burger, Jeanette Martinez, Chuck Schmidt)

**Introductions by RAC Members**

**Review of Agenda** (Doug)

**Review of RAC member data sheet** (Betty)

**Travel reimbursement eligibility** (Betty)

**Discussion on Charter & Operating Procedures** (Doug)

**11:30 am**      **Lunch**

**1:00 pm**      **History of BLM**

**2:00 pm**      **Roswell Field Office/Carlsbad Field Office Presentations**  
(Chuck Schmidt) (Cody Layton)

**2:30 pm**      **Public Comment Period**

**2:45 pm**      **Election of Chairperson**

**3:00 pm**      **Future meeting topics**

- Fire (Wildfire & Rx Fire)
- Off Highway Vehicle use
- Oil & Gas issues
- Access to Public Lands
- Carlsbad Field Office Resource Management Plan update
- Ft Stanton/Snowy River National Conservation Area management
- Sand Ranch Area of Critical Environmental Concern
- Restore New Mexico
- Others?

## **Field Trip Options**

- How long
- How often
- Topics to see?

## **Next Meeting:**

Date:

Time: Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ ; End time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place:

Public Comment time:

Potential Agenda Topics:

**PECOS DISTRICT RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011  
ROSWELL, NM  
PECOS DISTRICT OFFICE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Steve West, Jack Callaway, Michael Hillman, Greg Fulfer, Tish McDaniel, George Farmer, Steve Peerman, Alisa Ogden, Don Mayberry, Reginald Richey, Neal Christopher, Jeanette Martinez, Cody Layton, Joe Stell, Chuck Schmidt, Doug Burger

The public attendees were Bud Starnes and Les Owen.

Doug opened the meeting, explained the process for the day and introduced himself and the BLM Field Managers of the Roswell Field Office (RFO) and the Carlsbad Field Office (CFO). The Council then introduced themselves. All members reviewed the list of their names and personal information for additions and/or/corrections.

The agenda was reviewed, as well as the Charter and Operating Procedures. Highlights were reviewed. This included the fact that all Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) are individually Chartered, which makes the meetings legal. RACs have authority to work with agencies on issues relative to fees to be charged for recreation areas, land use planning and management of the public lands.

**PRESENTATIONS:** A video of “Our Public Lands” was shown and Doug elaborated on the importance of the management of the public lands for both now and the future. This was followed by a power point presentation of the History of BLM..

Each Field Office then gave a power point presentation about their offices, followed by a short video of an award ceremony to an area Rancher (Joe Stell) for his efforts in the Restore NM program.

Election of a chairperson was discussed and it was decided to wait until a subsequent meeting to complete this. Regarding future meetings, Mr. Burger asked all to elaborate on what they would like to discuss and see at future meetings.

The public comment period opened at 2:30 pm. Two members of the public were present. There were no comments made.

Council members listed some topics of interest, including:

- potash mining
- the Ft. Stanton areas.
- the Rio Bonito Acquired lands
- the Ft. Stanton ACEC
- viewing a simulation of Snowy River Cave
- water injection issues and oil and gas policies
- fracing issue for oil and gas wells

water issues in the Lincoln Valley  
access to public lands

It was asked if Doug had seen any issues with the ongoing CFO management plan revision that the Council might be interested in getting involved with. It was explained that scoping has been done and that contractors have arrived to work with specialists prior to working up the document, including alternatives.

Other issues listed to work with in the future were:

feral hog issues.  
invasive plant species  
public/ranch roads- stopping erosion by hunters, etc.  
abandoned well sites – erosion from these

A possible field trip/office site meeting was discussed for January or February and then in the later spring or early summer doing an on-the-ground tour of the acquired lands and the Valley of Fire recreation area.

The Mission Statement of the Council was discussed and what could be expected of any recommendations made by the Council – what authority did the Council have.

The best use of the Council's time should be to deal with issues on the land that affect multiple users, but also to look at the positive outcomes that have been accomplished.

It was suggested that some dealings with BLM are not always apparent to others and that it would be worthwhile to expose people to these issues. It was suggested that a subcommittee should be formed to look at all the issues, prioritize these issues. It was also stated that all should respect each other's opinions when discussing the issues..

Ideas were captured and the Council was asked whether to have BLM orchestrate the next agenda or have a subcommittee to fashion the future meetings. It was decided to have the potash issue in Carlsbad looked at for the next meeting, as well as feral hogs and invasive species in that area.

In response to the question of where the Council can be effective in BLM's estimation, Doug explained that his expectation is that when members leave meetings they be better educated about issues so they can share/discuss them with the interest groups they represent.

Mr. Fulfer relayed that short informational programs of what each BLM program does, with questions and answers at conclusion would be very helpful to understanding the issues.

The possibility of having the Council attend a Field Office interdisciplinary team meeting was also discussed. .

The next meeting date was scheduled for the week of January 18, 2012. It will be a two-day meeting with staff briefings and a field tour on the 19<sup>th</sup> (potash mining). BLM will send out an agenda for review and comment by the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.