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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Call for Nominations for Advisory Committees**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to reopen the request for public nominations for certain Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Advisory Committees that have member terms expiring this year. These Advisory Committees provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within their respective geographic areas. The Advisory Committees covered by this request for nominations are identified below. The BLM will accept public nominations for 30 days after the publication of this notice.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than April 29, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for the address of respective BLM Offices accepting nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary to establish 10–to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, Resource Advisory Council (RAC) membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

- **Category One**—Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

- **Category Two**—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations; and

- **Category Three**—Representatives of State, county, or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the council is organized, representatives of academia who are employed in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State in which the RAC has jurisdiction. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists from being appointed or re-appointed to FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

This request for public nominations also applies to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) in Oregon established pursuant to Section 131 of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000. The SMAC advises the Secretary of the Interior in managing the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. Nominations are requested for the positions of Burns Paiute Tribe member and the State of Oregon liaison. The following must accompany all nominations for the RACs and SMAC:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations;
- A completed Resource Advisory Council application; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee’s qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM state offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the state and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council in Oregon. If you have already submitted your RAC nomination materials for 2013 you will not need to resubmit. Nominations for the following RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices as noted below:

**Alaska**

**Alaska RAC**
Thom Jennings, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, 970–271–3335.

**California**

**Northwestern California RAC**
Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, 530–252–5352.

**Central California RAC**

**Idaho**

**Boise District RAC**

**Coeur d’Alene District RAC**

**Idaho Falls District RAC**

**Montana and Dakotas**

**Central Montana RAC**

**Dakotas RAC**
Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM, 111 Garyyowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, 406–233–2800.
The RMP will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by NEPA, FLPMA, and BLM management policies. The planning effort of the Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument RMP/EIS will revise the existing Billings RMP of 1984, as amended, and provide the Billings Field Office with an updated framework in which to administer BLM public lands. This draft RMP/EIS addresses new issues, changes in resource conditions, and changes in resource management practices since adoption of the Billings RMP in 1984 and was developed through a collaborative planning process. Formal public scoping began with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on May 15, 2008 (73 FR 28150), a legal document notifying the public and any affected agencies of the intent to revise the 1984 RMP and prepare an EIS, including draft planning criteria for review. The formal public scoping period ended on August 22, 2008; however, scoping comments were received through September 19, 2008. Public scoping opportunities included seven open houses in communities within the planning area, a mailing of 1,200 scoping packages describing the area and process as well as soliciting written comments, a Web site, and outreach with various Federal and State government agencies. Outreach efforts were also made to tribes and consultation with the tribal governments is ongoing.

The information obtained from the scoping process was used to define the relevant issues that are addressed in a range of alternative management actions, the environmental impacts of which are analyzed in the draft EIS. Based on the scoping comments received and their subsequent analysis and evaluation, the following major planning issues were identified as being within the scope of the BLM Billings and Pompeys Pillar National Monument draft RMP/EIS.

**Issue:** Vegetation Communities—How can the public lands be managed to provide desired plant communities?

**Issue:** Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat and Invasive Species—How can public lands be managed to maintain or improve wildlife and fisheries habitats and control invasive species?

**Issue:** Special Status Species, including Threatened and Endangered Species—How can public lands be managed to conserve and recover threatened, endangered, proposed, and BLM-sensitive species, including Greater Sage-Grouse?

**Issue:** Commercial Activities—What public lands will be available for commercial activities and how will