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BLM Colorado Announces Appointments to Northwest Resource Advisory Council

SILT, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management today announced appointments of members to its citizen-based Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council, which advise the agency on public land management issues in northwestern Colorado. The NW RAC is composed of members with diverse interests and backgrounds.

"By working with Federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as leaders from industry and the conservation community, the Resource Advisory Councils exemplify the BLM's collaborative approach to public land issues," said BLM Colorado State Director Ruth Welch. "I want to welcome our newly appointed Northwest RAC members and salute them for their commitment to public service."

The BLM has established 29 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. The RACs, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the BLM carry out its nationwide stewardship of 245 million acres – the largest land portfolio of any Federal agency.

Each RAC consists of 10 to 15 members who represent stakeholder interests in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, ranchers, industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academics, and others.

The BLM, an agency of the Interior Department, is responsible for managing various uses – such as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production – while conserving the land's natural, historical, and cultural resources.

Below are the newly appointed or newly re-appointed members of the NW RAC, which will meet Thursday in Grand Junction:

- Moffat County rancher Wes McStay has been reappointed to represent Federal grazing permittees.
- Rio Blanco County rancher Scott Robertson is a new appointment representing Federal grazing permittees.
- Jackson County resident Barbara Vasquez has been reappointed to represent dispersed recreation.
- Grand Junction-based Archaeologist Carl Conner has been reappointed to represent cultural interests.
- Garfield County Commissioner Tom Jankovsky is a new appointment representing elected officials.

For more information about the NW RAC, log on to <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/colorado/northwest-rac>.

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