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## *BLM seek nominations for Front Range Resource Advisory Council*

Cañon City, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field is seeking public nominations for its Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC). A Federal Register Notice published on Friday, February 27, 2009, began a 45-day period for submitting nominations. All nominations must be sent no later than April 13, 2009.

The Front Range RAC is a 15-member citizen council whose members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office and the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center on public land management issues. The Front Range RAC is one of three advisory councils serving BLM in Colorado.

RAC members serve three-year terms. They represent diverse interests from one of three categories:

- **Category One** – BLM grazing permittees; 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.

The Front Range RAC has three openings in Category One, two openings in Category Two, and one opening in Category Three.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to the RAC. Nominees must be residents of Colorado. Each nominee will be evaluated on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. Nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background

information nomination form; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications

Nominations and letters of reference must be received by April 13, 2009, and can be sent to BLM Front Range RAC, Attention: BLM RAC Nomination, 3028 E Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at:

[www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Resources/racs.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/racs.html), or by contacting Cass Cairns, BLM Public Affairs Officer, by phone at (719) 269-8553 or email at [ccairns@blm.gov](mailto:ccairns@blm.gov).

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