

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE
BOISE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Boise County is 84% Public Lands and is highly impacted by the management of those Public Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Boise County Board of Commissioners desires cooperation and coordination with Federal and State agencies managing land in Boise County; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State code require coordination with local government; and

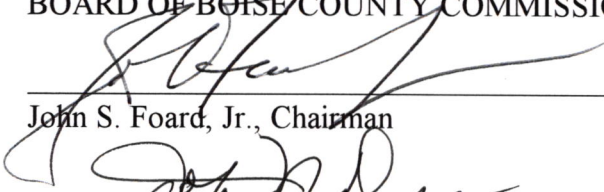
WHEREAS, many public land issues are extremely complex; and

WHEREAS, the Boise County Board of Commissioners is authorized by Idaho Code to establish advisory committees; and

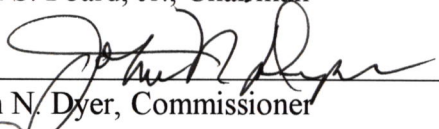
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Boise County, Idaho, that the attached Policy for the Boise County Natural Resources Advisory Committee be adopted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Boise County Board of Commissioners in open session on the 28 day of June 1999.

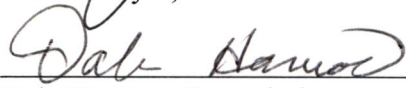
BOARD OF BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



 John S. Foard, Jr., Chairman

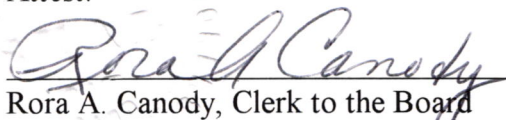


 John N. Dyer, Commissioner



 Dale Hanson, Commissioner

Attest:



 Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board

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SECTION I NAME AND MISSION

The name of the organization formed by the adoption of this resolution is the Boise County Natural Resources Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The mission of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee is to advise and recommend to the Boise County Board of Commissioners strategies to coordinate the management of the natural resources of Boise County.

SECTION II AREA OF CONCERN

The area of concern lies within Boise County, Idaho. The area is not precisely defined because it includes public lands across jurisdictional boundaries where there are common concerns, shared migratory resources or ecological systems and processes.

SECTION III GOALS

The goals of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be to:

1. Develop and present a unified voice on the conservation of natural resources in Boise County.
2. Encourage natural resource management actions necessary to preserve and promote the health, safety, economic and social welfare of the people in the County.
3. Provide recommendations to land users and to the Boise County Board of Commissioners to assist in coordinating resource planning.
4. Improve management of natural resources and enhance the implementation of the multiple use concept by promoting cooperation and understanding among agencies, landowners, groups, and individuals responsible for, or interested in the natural resources of Boise County.
5. Recommend resource management programs and activities to achieve compatible resource uses based on multiple use, and sound ecological and economic relationships.

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6. Increase and promote the information exchange and understanding between public agencies, private landowners, local communities, and the general public in managing natural resources of the area.
7. Recognize and protect all existing water, road access, right-of-ways, and property within the boundaries of Boise County.
8. Improve cooperation, communication, and understanding among all interested parties regarding access to and across public lands in the County.

SECTION IV AUTHORITY AND ROLE

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee will have the role of developing consensus among a broadly representative group of individuals interested in the public resources of the County. The Natural Resources Advisory Committee will recommend natural resource management actions to the Boise County Board of Commissioners. County, State and Federal Land Managers are required by Federal law and regulation to involve the public in making decisions, to consider plans of State and County Governments, and to coordinate their plans with local government. In so doing, the agencies should consider the historical, economic, custom and cultural uses of the lands. The Natural Resources Advisory Committee is a vehicle for performing these functions in Boise County. Federal and State Land Managers retain authority to make decisions relative to public lands under their jurisdiction after coordinating with Boise County Board of Commissioners are required by Federal code.

SECTION V MEMBERS

1. Representation and Balance
 - A. Members of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Boise County Board of Commissioners for a term of three (3) years. Initially one-third of the members shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one-third for two (2) years, and one-third for three (3) years. The first group will serve from September 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000. The terms of their replacements (or their reappointed terms) will run from October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001. The second group will serve from September 1, 1999 to September 30, 2001. The terms of their replacements (or their reappointed terms) will run from October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2004. The third group will serve from September 1, 1999 to September 30, 2002. Upon the expiration of their terms, the terms of their replacements (or their reappointed terms) will run from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2005.

All subsequent terms shall continue to rotate on a three (3) year basis thereafter.

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- B. Membership on the Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be voluntary and be limited to between fifteen and twenty members. The Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be a “representative”, “balanced” group derived from agencies, communities and the general citizenry of the area, in order to represent the multiple-use concept of public lands. A membership list shall be maintained in the office of the County Clerk and be updated on a regular basis to reflect the existing membership of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. The members in “good standing” shall constitute the voting membership of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.
- C. “Representative” shall be defined as: Including people who can represent different aspects of the constituency located within the area. Diversity within the area that needs to be reflected in the Natural Resources Advisory Committee includes ranching, grazing, mining, forest products, recreation, hunting, fishing, rafting, cultural sectors, public land managers, and differing philosophical or value systems relating to public land management.
- D. “Balance” shall be defined as: Considering the elements of diversity, especially in terms of expressed philosophies or values, no single element shall be overwhelmingly represented.
- E. The “good standing” of a member shall be determined by regular attendance at meetings, participation in good faith, and in accordance with this Resolution. Members determined not to be in good standing by the Boise County Board of Commissioners will be replaced pursuant to the following paragraph.

2. New Appointments and Selection Criteria

New appointments or reappointments of existing members will be made by the Boise County Board of Commissioners on the basis of retaining the desired representation and balance, as defined above, and the number of members in good standing between 15 and 20. In addition to representation, the following factors are to be considered in making new appointments.

- A. The members of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee should have the support of the agencies or constituencies with which they are associated, and be individuals that can work effectively with others to help develop and plan strategies according to the stated mission and goals.
- B. The members should be team-oriented individuals, with demonstrated and effective leadership skills, who will work well in a cooperative and consensus building environment.

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- C. Currently serving members, whose term of appointment is expiring, may indicate their willingness to continue serving to the Boise County Board of Commissioners or may be contacted by the Commissioners regarding their willingness to continue to serve on the Committee. The final decision regarding reappointment shall lie with the Boise County Board of Commissioners.

3. Resignation of Members

Any member desiring to resign from the Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall submit his or her resignation in writing to the Boise County Board of Commissioners for action. He or she may nominate a replacement member for consideration by the Boise County Board of Commissioners. Approval of the replacement member or new appointment will be decided by the Boise County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION VI ORGANIZATION

1. Officers

- A. The officers shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary/Recorder. Election of officers shall take place in October of each year after the new members have been appointed to fill the slots vacated by those whose terms of service expired on September 30th of that year. Candidates for chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Recorder shall be nominated from the floor at the Natural Resources Advisory Committee organizational meeting. Officers whose terms are currently expiring are eligible for renomination. A majority vote of a quorum of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee present will then elect a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Recorder. The officers will serve for one full year. The Vice Chairperson shall take the place of the Chairperson in case the Chairperson cannot attend a meeting or resigns. The Secretary/Recorder shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, inform members of all meeting times and places, and forward copies to the Board's office for records retention.

2. Technical Support Teams

- A. The Natural Resources Advisory Committee may appoint either standing or special teams as it deems necessary to perform specific tasks in furthering progress toward the stated goals. Non-members of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee may be appointed to those teams to provide technical expertise, additional breadth and representation, and opportunities for interested parties to participate. The Natural Resources Advisory Committee Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all appointed teams.

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- B. Technical Support Teams shall consist of any member(s) of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee having clear interest in the assigned task along with technical experts solicited from outside the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. At least one member of the Technical Support Team shall be a member of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Normally, Technical Support Teams will consist of three or five members.
- C. The duties of Technical Support Teams shall be:
 - 1) Field proof the assigned problems and objectives and report apparent inconsistencies to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.
 - 2) Evaluate the available information for its completeness and accuracy in making informed decisions. If the information is found to be inconsistent or incomplete, request additional information through the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.
 - 3) Identify alternatives to meet stated objectives and recommend a preferred alternative to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Implement and monitor the alternative approved by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, under its direction, and recommend alternative revisions should the need arise.

SECTION VII MEETINGS

1. Locations and Dates

- A. The regular monthly meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee shall be held at a place and time determined by the Committee.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or through a written request by five or more members of the Committee or by written request of the Board of Boise County Commissioners. The purpose of any special meeting must be stated in the call. Meetings involving the Committee which are held in the field are included in this category. Except in cases of emergency, at least five (5) days notice shall be given before any special meeting is scheduled.

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2. Decisions

All actions, recommendations and decisions (other than those specified otherwise in the by-laws) made by the Committee should have consensus. It is understood that consensus means everyone agrees, though perhaps grudgingly, to try something a certain way; and further, if that way does not appear to work to negotiate another approach and try it. Should consensus not be reached on a given issue, the issue shall be referred to the Boise County Board of Commissioners, which shall determine the County's position on the issue.

3. Procedures

- A. Meetings shall be conducted by the Chairperson. Specifically, the Chairperson is responsible for ensuring: the recording and distribution of meeting notes; that meetings are conducted and facilitated effectively; that meetings are productive and within the scope of the mission and goals of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee.
- B. Consideration may be given to the use of a professional facilitator not directly affiliated with the membership, for agendas that may be especially controversial.
- C. Rules of conduct shall be strictly adhered to through meeting facilitation; members should listen actively; members shall be entitled to speak and be heard; problems and issues will be attacked, not people. Specific rules of conduct or working guidelines may be formally adopted by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee or the Boise County Board of Commissioners.