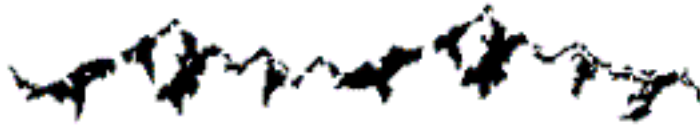


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IPAMS Rep Named to BLM Resource Advisory Council

Lowell Braxton appointed to public lands advisory committee

(DENVER)— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has appointed Lowell Braxton to serve on the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC), a 15-member advisory panel which provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on resource and land management issues for 22.9 million acres of federal public lands in Utah.

Braxton received confirmation of the one year appointment to the "commodity interests" category of the RAC, which includes holders of federal grazing permits, energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation interests. Council members are selected for their ability to provide informed, objective advice on a broad array of public lands issues and their commitment to collaboration in seeking solutions to those issues.

"Lowell has a sound understanding of the benefits that mineral and energy production provide to our society—especially Utah—and no one knows better the critical role that production from federal lands plays in securing our nation's energy independence. Lowell Braxton will be an extremely valuable asset in Utah's efforts to effectively manage public lands," said Marc Smith, Executive Director of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS).

Braxton's service as a Deputy Director of Utah's Department of Natural Resources and his experience as Director of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining provide a deep familiarity with solid and fluid minerals development issues in Utah and how this development affects timber, recreation, grazing and off-highway users of public lands. Braxton's varied experiences in state government, as an exploration geologist, and as a private consultant afford him a unique perspective in how public lands may be managed to fulfill the diverse goals of the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Utah.

"I am honored and thrilled to serve on this council and hope that my experience with energy and mineral development will meaningfully contribute to the RAC's consideration of issues in Utah," Braxton said.

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