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Brief

Nation's largest land manager invites RAF input— RAF Appoints BLM Liaisons

The Bureau of Land Management manages 245 million acres, nearly 13 percent of total US land, primarily in the western states. During a recent meeting in the nation's capital, BLM policy makers asked the RAF to become involved in BLM's aviation policy. Specifically, they asked for a point of contact in fulfilling common goals.

The stated mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." To respond, the RAF appointed two BLM Liaisons who anticipate success working with BLM officials, bringing shared goals to the table.

"We heard the BLM mission loud and clear during our meetings. These two qualified aviation advocates will continue our meaningful partnership," RAF director Tim Clifford said.

"We see a compatible set of objectives, and we will be observant for opportunities to explore airstrips on these special lands," RAF president John McKenna concluded.



*Pete Smith, RAF
BLM Liaison with pilot
daughter Rebecca*



*Craig McCullough, RAF
BLM Liaison*

Pete grew up in Maryland, bought a 1946 Aeronca Champ in 1975 and has been flying it ever since. He is an A&P; he studied Aerospace Engineering and in 1985 began as a Flight Test Engineer with the Department of Defense at Pax River Naval Air Station.

He now serves as a Project Engineer with HCR Inc. a family manufacturing business. He lives in Lewistown, MT with his wife and three children. Their daughter Rebecca is a licensed pilot and learned to fly in that 1946 Champ.

An active member of the aviation community, Pete enjoys rebuilding classics as much as flying them.

Craig is the RAF Maryland liaison. He works for Hewlett-Packard managing sales teams that support civilian and intelligence agencies within the Federal government.

Weekends, Craig can often be found flying his C-172 with his wife and two daughters.

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maintaining and creating public use recreational
and backcountry airstrips nationwide"*