§ 1784.4 Public participation.

§ 1784.4–1 Calls for nominations.
Except where otherwise provided, candidates for appointment to advisory committees are sought through public calls for public nominations. Such calls shall be published in the Federal Register and are made through media releases and systematic contacts with individuals and organizations interested in the use and management of public lands and resources.

§ 1784.4–2 Notice of meetings.
(a) Notices of meetings of advisory committees and any subcommittees that may be formed shall be published in the Federal Register and distributed to the media 30 days in advance of a meeting. However, if urgent matters arise, notices of meetings of advisory committees and any subcommittees shall be published in the Federal Register and distributed to the media at least 15 days in advance of a meeting.
(b) Notices shall set forth meeting locations, topics or issues to be discussed, and times and places for the public to be heard.

§ 1784.4–3 Open meetings.
(a) All advisory committee and subcommittee meetings and associated field examinations shall be open to the public and news media.
(b) Anyone may appear before or file a statement with a committee or subcommittee regarding matters on a meeting agenda.
(c) The scheduling of meetings and the preparation of agendas shall be done in a manner that will encourage and facilitate public attendance and participation. The amount of time scheduled for public presentations and meeting times may be extended when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate all who seek to be heard regarding matters on the agenda.

§ 1784.5 Operating procedures.

§ 1784.5–1 Functions.
The function of an advisory committee is solely advisory, and recommendations shall be made only to the authorized representative specified in its charter. Determinations of actions to be taken on the reports and recommendations of a committee shall be made only by the Secretary or the designated Federal officer.