

CHARTER

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

1. The official designation of the committee is the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission.
2. The establishment of the Commission is directed by Title IV of Public Law 103-433, the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, October 3 1, 1994.
3. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised comprehensive plan for Joshua Tree National Park.
4. The statutory life of the Commission is 10 years after enactment of Public Law 103-433. Therefore, the Commission will terminate October 3 1, 2004. The Section 14(b) rechartering requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), has been waived for this Commission, pursuant to Title III, Section 301, of Public Law 102525. ✓
5. The Commission reports to the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 77485 National Park Drive, National Park Service, Twentynine Palms, California 92277. The Superintendent, or a Federal employee designated by the Superintendent, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer to oversee the management of the Commission, as required by Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
6. Support for the Commission is provided by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.
7. The duties of the Commission are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 3 above. The Commission will render advice by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. Eight members will constitute a quorum.
8. The Commission may create subcommittees from among its membership, supplemented when appropriate by members of the public. The role of such subcommittees will be solely to gather information or conduct research for the Commission, to analyze relevant issues and facts, or to draft proposed position papers for deliberation by the Commission. Membership on all subcommittees will be determined by the Chairman, subject to the concurrence of the Designated Federal Officer. Subcommittees will meet as necessary, subject to the approval of the Designated Federal Officer.
9. The estimated annual operating cost of the Commission is \$25,000, which includes members' travel costs and $\frac{1}{4}$ person-year of staff support.

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10. The Commission will meet approximately two times a year on a regular basis and at such other times as the Designated Federal Officer may direct. The regular meetings of the Commission will generally be held in June and November, but may be scheduled at such other times as the Federal Designated Officer may approve.

11. The Commission will be consist of 15 members to include:

- a. An elected official for each county within which any part of the park is located;
- b. A representative of the owners of private properties located within or immediately adjacent to the park.
- c. Members representing persons actively engaged in:
 - grazing
 - range management
 - mineral exploration and development
- d. Persons with expertise in relevant fields, including:
 - **geology**
 - biology
 - ecology
 - law enforcement
 - the protection and management of national park resources and values.

12. Commission members will be appointed for 4-year terms, and will choose among themselves one member to serve as chairperson. Any member of the Commission may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed.

13. Any member of the Commission who fails to attend Commission meetings, or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Commission, may be removed from the Commission and a replacement named. Vacancies on the Commission will be filled so as to maintain the full diversity of views required to be represented on the Commission.

14. Members of the Commission will serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Commission business approved by the Designated Federal **Officer** will be allowed travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.



Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed: _____

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