

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Grand Staircase-Escalante National
Monument Advisory Committee

16562

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/01/2022 06/01/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b.

Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Presidential Proclamation
9682

13. Effective Date

09/26/2003

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee advises Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (Monument) managers on science and management issues and the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Monument Management Plan published in November 1999 and effective in February 2000. Monument managers evaluate all Committee recommendations and are responsible for making final decisions. The Committee develops recommendations for the Monument on issues pertaining to science and other management issues and the achievement of

objectives set forth in the Monument Management Plan, through the use of available resources, including their personal knowledge and experience, published and unpublished information from the scientific community, and discussions with Monument staff.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee is comprised of up to 15 voting members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, from the following broad spectrum of interests to ensure balanced membership: archaeology, paleontology, geology, botany, wildlife biology, history, social science, systems ecology, Garfield and Kane Counties, tribal government, education, environment, commercial recreation, and grazing. Members are qualified through education, training, knowledge, or experience to give informed and objective advice regarding planning, cultural resource protection and management, natural resource management, or economic development.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The GSENM MAC met on October 18, 2022; December 13, 2022; June 27, 2023; and September 12, 2023.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Approved Management Plan and Record of Decision, published November 1999 and effective February 2000, in accordance with the Monument proclamation, requires the establishment of a FACA-chartered advisory committee to advise Monument managers on

science issues and the achievement of Management Plan objectives. This Committee serves solely in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to Monument management, who are responsible for making all final decisions. There needs to be long-term planning for the future management of this National Monument. This cannot be achieved through a public meeting or a series of public meetings. There must be a continuity of individuals, working together as advisors, to ensure a collective effort and appropriate level of citizen-based advice regarding management objectives and plans for the Monument.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Harry Barber Paria River District Manger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Ballard, Kevin	09/06/2023	09/06/2026	Veterinarian and rancher	Representative Member
Bauman, Sarah	12/08/2021	12/08/2024	Executive Director for Grand Staircase Escalante Partners	Representative Member
Berry, Raymond	12/08/2021	12/08/2024	Attorney	Representative Member
Chournos, Lanse	01/06/2021	01/06/2024	Owner and organizer of Rally on the Rocks in Moab, UT	Representative Member
Glover, Tracy	09/06/2023	09/06/2026	Kane County Sheriff	Representative Member

Grant, Jacqueline	12/08/2021	12/08/2024	Associate Professor of Biology at Southern Utah University	Representative Member
Owens, Jeffrey	01/06/2021	01/06/2024	Legal Counsel, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	Representative Member
Peterson, Joel	12/08/2021	12/08/2024	Scientist	Representative Member
Sadler, Christa	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Field Institute guide/Geology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stevens, Henry	12/08/2021	12/08/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Tebbs, David	05/21/2020	09/06/2026	Garfield County Commissioner	Representative Member
Waggoner, Nathan	09/06/2023	09/06/2026	Chair of the Grand Staircase Regional Guide Association	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

This Committee was established to advise Monument managers on science issues and the achievement of Management Plan objectives. The Committee does this through participation in the adaptive management program. The Committee reviews evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team (comprised of the Assistant Monument Managers for Biological Sciences, Cultural and Earth Sciences, and Visitor Services) and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives. The Committee reviews appropriate research proposals and makes recommendations on project necessity and validity, and makes recommendations regarding the allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process, i.e., vegetation restoration projects.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee. However, the contributions of the MAC are of great benefit to the BLM. Socially and politically this committee is an information-sharing and problem-solving body. We feel that incorporation of formal committee recommendations may help avoid some (not all) litigation, in which case the cost savings could be immeasurable. The contributions of the MAC are of great value and benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

The MAC voted to approve the range of alternatives outlined in Chapter 7 of the Monument Analysis of the Management Situation during the October 2022 meeting.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All recommendations have been implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides feedback via email, and face-to-face meetings with the members and interested public. Meeting minutes are also posted on the MAC website.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A