

2026 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

2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

16562

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/01/2024

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/01/2026

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order 14354

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	Next
	FY	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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$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: one elected official from Garfield County, one elected official from Kane County, a representative of State government, a representative of Tribal government, a representative of the educational community, a representative of the conservation community, a representative of developed recreation, a representative of livestock grazing, a representative of local businesses, a representative of the paleontological community, a representative of the archaeological community, a representative of the geological community, a representative of the biological community (entomology, botany or wildlife), a representative of the social science community, and a representative of the systems ecology community. 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 Committee will meet two to four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the Designated Federal Officer.

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

The Committee did not meet in FY25.

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
Glover, Tracy	09/06/2023	09/06/2026	Kane County Sheriff	Representative Member
Owens, Jeffrey	01/06/2021	08/21/2027	Legal Counsel, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	Representative Member
Pollock, Gayle	12/11/2023	12/11/2026	Director/CEO, Bryce Canyon Natural History Association	Representative Member
Sadler, Christa	12/23/2022	12/23/2025	Field Institute guide/Geology	Representative Member
Stanfield, Erik	08/21/2024	08/21/2027	Anthropologist	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: 8

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 Committee 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?

8

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee did not make any recommendations in FY25.

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 Committee's website.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments

Other

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

Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site

Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications

Other

Access Comments

N/A