

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board	560

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/29/1999		

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 100-571 (Section 3)	10/31/1988	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total
Number of
Reports** No Reports for
this FiscalYear

17a. 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0
Open 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	\$126.62	\$135.00
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	\$126.62	\$135.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.01	0.01

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Meetings of the Board provide a forum for information exchange, open deliberation and public input into the formulation of the Board's advice and recommendations regarding park management. The Board provides a platform for public input on park issues. Unlike any other national park, NPS is a tenant to the land. The Board makes it possible for NPS to understand ongoing and sensitive private and village cultural

land issues.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership is prescribed by the Board's enabling legislation, comprised of five members; three of whom are appointed by the Secretary from among nominees of the Governor, and two at the discretion of the Secretary.

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

The Board did not meet in FY 2026.

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

This Board is currently administratively inactive. The National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board was established by P. L. 100-571 to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the management of the National Park of American Samoa. The park was established to preserve and protect the tropical forest and archaeological and cultural resources of American Samoa, and of associated reefs, to maintain the habitat of flying foxes, preserve the ecological balance of the Samoan tropical forest, and, consistent with the preservation of these resources, to provide for the enjoyment of the unique resources of the Samoan tropical forest by visitors from around the world. The Secretary and the Governor, or their designees, are to review the operation and management of the park at least every 10 years. The review is to include, but is not limited to, consideration of how the objectives of the park can better be achieved; the need for additional technical or other assistance; cooperative arrangements between the Government of American Samoa and the National Park Service in

the interpretation and management of the park;
and the desirability of extension of the lease
arrangement.

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

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

There were no meetings in FY 2026. The National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board is currently administratively inactive. (1) Re #6 (EXPECTED CHARTER RENEWAL DATE) -- The FACA Section 14(b) biennial rechartering requirement has been waived for the Board pursuant to P.L. 102-525, October 26, 1992. (2) Re #7/#8b (EXPECTED COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE/SPECIFIC TERMINATION AUTHORITY) -- The Board's enabling legislation, P.L. 100-571, provides for continuation of the Board into the foreseeable future, without termination. (3) Re MEMBERSHIP -- In accordance with P.L. 102-525, and the Board's Charter, members may continue to serve after the expiration of their terms until successors are appointed.

Designated Federal Officer

Scott Burch Superintendent

Narrative Description

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The Board did not meet in FY 2026.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

3

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Board did not meet in FY 2026.

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

67%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

1) Sauma Ridge trail opened and completed in FY11 per recommendation.2) Waysides completed in FY11 per committee recommendation.

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

33%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Fire management plan could not use categorical exclusion, so finalizing the plan has been delayed.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

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

NA

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

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

Access Comments

N/A