

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: San Rafael Swell Recreation Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee

San Rafael Swell Recreation Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

84602

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 11/09/2023 11/09/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

8b. Specific Termination Authority

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Title I, subpart A § 1223 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act

13. Effective Date **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

03/12/2019 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific 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 Council provides information and advice regarding the development and implementation of the Recreation Area Management Plan.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

This Council is composed of 7 members,

representing Emery County Commission; motorized rec users; non-motorized rec users; grazing permittees within the Rec Area or wilderness areas designated; conservation organizations; expertise in the historical uses of the Recreation Area; and an elected leader of a federally recognized tribe that has significant cultural or historic connections to, and expertise in, the landscape, archeological sites, or cultural sites within the County.

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

The Council will generally meet 2-4 times per year.

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

The committee makeup is diverse and represents recreation as well as a variety of other interests. This committee will increase collaboration with local partners, counties, Tribes, and the public. It will also increase collaboration with Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, a large landowner within the recreation area. Because the members reside near the recreation area, recommendations will be more readily accepted by the public.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Council met on November 20, 2024.

Designated Federal Officer

Elijah Waters Green River District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Alex, Dennis	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Tribal Councilman, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	Representative Member
Geary, Edward	07/24/2024	07/24/2027	Emeritus Professor	Representative Member
Jensen, Keven	06/01/2023	06/01/2026	Emery County Commissioner	Representative Member
McElprang, Elven	11/06/2023	11/06/2026	Professor	Representative Member
Player, Rodney	09/10/2020	06/01/2026	Retired, U.S. Forest Service	Representative Member
Wilson, Kent	09/10/2020	06/01/2026	Business Owner	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Recreation Area Management Plan.

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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

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

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

30

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council made 5 recommendations in FY 2025. The Council recommended that dispersed camping be restricted in areas with resource concerns, areas where there are traditional use conflicts, and areas where concentrated use detracts from visitor experience; that a zoned approach be used for camping and recreation; that Route SS3158 be limited to one way traffic with no trailers and that the previous recommendation of a seasonal closure on this route be rescinded; that BLM should preference Special Recreation Permits which support one or more purposes of the Recreation Area and provide a plan for educating participants on its resources, take place outside of March and April or make use of less crowded weekdays, focus recreation on sites and areas capable of withstanding repeated use, are not duplicative of, or on the same weekend as, current permits, and have a history of acceptable performance and stewardship with the BLM; that BLM should avoid permits for activities which fall within Class IV for any of the physical evaluation criteria (soils and vegetation, associated features, environmental effects, size of area) and utilize bonds for activities in Class III of these categories as appropriate; and that BLM should identify a threshold for event permits quantity during the planning process which considers recreational impacts, physical capacity, and socioeconomic effects to adjacent towns.

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

20%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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 during presentations to the Council by BLM managers.

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

The Council does not review grants.

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