

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**CHARTER**

1. **OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (Committee).
2. **AUTHORITY:** This Committee is established pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 6920, “Establishment of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument” (Monument) (September 18, 1996) as amended by Presidential Proclamation 10286, “Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument” (October 8, 2021), and is consistent with section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. § 1739); and operated pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations found at 41 CFR Part 102-3. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM advisory committees found at 43 CFR subpart 1784. The Committee is continued under Executive Order 14109, titled “Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees and Amendments to Other Executive Orders,” issued September 29, 2023.
3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The Committee will provide information and advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the Monument, including scientific research that occurs therein.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** Upon the request of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), the Committee will provide information and advice regarding the development of the management plan and, as appropriate, management of the Monument, including scientific research that occurs therein.
5. **OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Committee provides information and advice to the Secretary through the DFO.
6. **SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Committee will be provided by the BLM.
7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS and STAFF YEARS:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee’s activities are estimated to be \$50,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and 0.30 Federal staff years support.
8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The DFO is BLM’s District Manager for the Paria River District, who is a full time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.

9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Committee will meet two to four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
10. **DURATION:** The need for the Committee is continuing, subject to termination section below.
11. **TERMINATION:** Unless continued by the President, the Committee will terminate on September 30, 2025, consistent with Executive Order 14109. The Committee will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION:** The Committee will include 15 representatives to be appointed by the Secretary as follows:
  1. An elected official from Garfield County to represent the interests of county residents;
  2. An elected official from Kane County to represent the interests of county residents;
  3. A representative of State government;
  4. A representative of Tribal government with ancestral interest in the Monument;
  5. A representative of the educational community;
  6. A representative of the conservation community;
  7. A representative of developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities in the Monument;
  8. A representative of livestock grazing permittees operating in the Monument;
  9. A representative of local business owners, private landowners, or the public-at-large;
  10. A representative of the paleontological community;
  11. A representative of the archaeological community;
  12. A representative of the geological community;
  13. A representative of the biological (entomology, botany, or wildlife) community;
  14. A representative of the social science community; and
  15. A representative of the systems ecology community.

Representatives will be appointed to the Committee to serve 3-year terms.

A quorum is achieved when a majority of representatives are present.

13. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS:** No Committee or subcommittee member will participate in any Committee or subcommittee deliberations or votes relating to a specific party matter before the Department or its bureaus and offices including a lease, license, permit, contract, grant, claim, agreement, or litigation in which the member or the entity the member represents has a direct financial interest.

As provided in 43 CFR § 1784.2-2, members of the Committee shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by BLM, or in any litigation related thereto. For the purposes of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holdings of a spouse or dependent child.

14. **SUBCOMMITTEES:** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
15. **RECORDKEEPING:** Detailed records must be kept of each Committee and formally or informally established Committee subcommittee. All records must be made available to the public, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and other approved Agency records disposition schedules.



Secretary of the Interior

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