UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARTER

1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION: Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee (Committee).

2. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE: Provide representative citizen counsel and advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), with respect to the revision and implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Carrizo Plain long-range management plan developed in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976.

3. PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES: Since its functions are related to continuing BLM responsibility for the management of public lands and resources in the Carrizo Plain National Monument (Monument), the need for the Committee is expected to continue indefinitely. However, Committee continuation will be subject to periodic review and renewal every 2 years as required by Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

4. OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) to whom the Committee reports, unless otherwise noted, is:

Field Manager
Bakersfield Field Office
Bureau of Land Management
3801 Pegasus Drive
Bakersfield, California 93308

5. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT: Administrative support for activities of the Committee will be provided by the office of the DFO.

6. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE: Committee duties and responsibilities are advisory only and are as follows:

a. Develop recommendations for BLM regarding the development, revision and implementation of the management plan for the Monument. Among these responsibilities are, at the request of the DFO, to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, and seek public input.

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b. Except for purposes of long-range planning and the establishment of resource management priorities, the Committee shall not provide advice on the allocation and expenditure of funds, or on personnel actions.

c. Advise the BLM in establishing resource management priorities for the Monument.

d. Advise the BLM in establishing landscape goals and objectives for the Monument.

e. Assist the BLM in developing recommendations for implementation of ecosystem approaches to management by advising the BLM in establishing goals and objectives within the Monument.

f. Advise the BLM regarding ongoing local efforts to develop and achieve collaborative approaches to management of the Monument.

g. Advise the BLM on encouraging cooperation with local volunteers to provide for the protection of important resources of the Monument.

h. Advise the BLM on opportunities to enhance and expand existing partnerships and volunteer efforts.

i. Advise the BLM on opportunities to enhance and expand existing educational outreach efforts.

7. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

a. The Committee shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Secretary. The members shall represent the interests of affected parties, to the extent practicable, as follows:

(1) A member of, or nominated by, the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors.

(2) A member of, or nominated by, the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

(3) A member of, or nominated by, the Carrizo Native American Advisory Council.

(4) A member of, or nominated by, the Central California Resource Advisory Council.

(5) A member representing individuals or companies authorized to graze livestock within the Monument.

(6) Four members with recognized backgrounds reflecting:

(i) The purposes for which the Monument was established; and

(ii) The interests of other stakeholders, including community members, that are affected by or interested in the planning and management of the Monument.

b. In appointing members to the Committee, the Secretary shall provide for balanced and broad representation.

8. ALLOWANCES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Members serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

9. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: No Committee or subgroup member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member 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 the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

10. SUBGROUPS: At the discretion and approval of the DFO, the Committee may form subgroups to provide input necessary to the successful functioning of the Committee. Such subgroups can be formed in response to a petition from local citizens or by a motion of the Committee. At the discretion of the DFO, subgroups may include individuals who are not Committee members. Input by subgroups will be presented directly to the Committee for its deliberation and consideration.

11. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF VISITS: The Committee will normally meet four times annually, but in no case less than once. Additional meetings may be called by the DFO.

12. ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS: Annual activities of the Committee will require an estimated $40,000, including four work months of Federal employee support.

13. EXPIRATION DATE: The Committee's charter will expire 2 years from the date below, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14(b) of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Committee shall not meet or perform any functions without a valid current charter.

14. AUTHORITY: Section 309 of the FLPMA, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1739.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

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Date Signed

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