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BLM announces July virtual meeting of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee

KANAB, Utah — The Bureau of Land Management will host a virtual public meeting of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (Committee) on Tuesday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Planned agenda items will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Introduction of the Oct. 8, 2021, Proclamation 10286, as the foundational legal instrument for the management of the Monument.
- Presentation of the Interim Guidance issued by the BLM on Dec. 16, 2021, which provides interim management direction for land managers while a new Monument management plan is being developed, and discussion of the role of the guidance in ongoing management.
- An introduction of the National Landscape Conservation System 15-Year Strategy (2010-2025) and how this strategy will apply to Monument management.
- A review of the status of BLM efforts toward preparing and adopting a science plan for the Monument.
- A brief update on other ongoing National Environmental Policy Act planning within the Monument.

“The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee will play a pivotal role in providing information and recommendations to the BLM as the agency moves forward with the development and implementation of a new management plan,” **said BLM Paria River District Manager Harry Barber**. “It has been nearly five years since this advisory committee has been active and we are excited to welcome Committee members who will provide valuable input on how the BLM can best manage the Monument today and into the future.”

The agenda and meeting access information (including how to log in and participate) will be announced on the Committee webpage 15 days before the meeting at <https://go.usa.gov/xuq2U>. Meeting participants must register in advance via Zoom to attend at https://empsi.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PwDYQb9KRn6i39k3r_SYXQ. Registrants will receive a confirmation email including the meeting link and dial-in phone numbers.

The public will be given the opportunity to address the Monument Advisory Committee at 3:30 p.m. during the meeting.

Depending on the number of people wishing to comment, the amount of time for individual comments may be limited. Public comments may be emailed or mailed in advance with the subject line “Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee” to dhercher@blm.gov or 669 S. Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741.

Comments received prior to the meeting will be recorded in the minutes. Please contact us for reasonable accommodations to participate.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee is a citizen-based committee consisting of up to 15 members representing interests in the local community and monument values.

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