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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Seeks Nominations to Advisory Committee

Kanab, Utah—The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) in Utah is seeking public nominations for six open positions on its 15-member Monument Advisory Committee (MAC), which provides advice and recommendation to GSENM on science issues and the achievement of GSENM Plan objectives. Nominations are due by close of business December 28, 2015.

The GSENM-MAC is composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in land use planning and the management of the lands under BLM management in GSENM.

“The MAC is integral to the management of the Monument,” said Monument Manager Cindy Staszak. “The committee’s diversity – scientists, elected officials, educators, business and environmental leaders – provides me and my staff with a broader insight into issues impacting the Monument and the surrounding communities; and in effect, enhances our ability to manage the Monument lands for multiple uses where appropriate, as an outdoor laboratory for scientific research, all the while conserving resources for future generations.”

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the MAC. Nominees will be judged on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council’s geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form available from the Monument; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Three members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below:

- An elected official from Garfield County;
- An elected official from Kane County;
- A Tribal representative to represent tribal interests on the Monument; and,

Three members will be appointed as special government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise:

- Archaeology
- Botany; and,
- Geology.

The specific category the nominee would be representing should be identified both in the letters of recommendation and the nomination form.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Monument website at:

http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/grand_staircase-escalante.html, or search “GSENM” on your favorite search engine, and then click “News and Current Events.”

Nominations should be sent by close of business December 28, 2015, to Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, GSENM Headquarters Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-1209; or email: lcrutchf@blm.gov; or fax to (435) 644-1305.

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