

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National  
Monument Advisory Council

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

2547

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

01/08/2021 01/08/2023

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/08/2023

## 7. Expected Term Date

12/19/2025

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

P.L. 113-291, Sec.  
3092

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 113-291, Sec. 3092

## 13. Effective Date

12/19/2014

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a.

Open

1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

## Meetings and Dates

### Purpose

TUSK Advisory Council Meeting

### Start

03/06/2024

### End

- 03/06/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Council was established by Section 3092 (a)(6) of Public Law 113-291, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2. The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of the management plan.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

As described by the establishing legislation, the Council shall consist of 10 members, to be

appointed by the Secretary, of whom: a. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the County Commission; b. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of Las Vegas, Nevada; c. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of North Las Vegas, Nevada; d. One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe; e. One member shall be a representative of the conservation community in southern Nevada; f. One member shall be a representative of Nellis Air Force Base; g. One member shall be nominated by the State; h. One member shall reside in the County and have a background that reflects the purpose for which the Monument was established; and i. Two members shall reside in the County or adjacent counties, both of whom shall have experience in the field of paleontology, obtained through higher education, experience, or both.

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

The Council will meet approximately 2-4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. Three meetings were held in FY 2023.

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

Qualified advice concerning issues that affect a wide array of subjects from those of local property owners to those that affect town, county, and state interests can only be attained from individuals who possess fundamental knowledge, understanding, and interest in those areas.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

## 21. Remarks

GreenLink project website on the BLM Eplanning site:

<https://www.blm.gov/greenlink-west-and-greenlink-north>

### Designated Federal Officer

Derek Robert Carter Superintendent

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brown, Robert	02/09/2016	10/13/2025	Director, Opportunity Village	Representative Member
Brune, Nancy	09/05/2023	09/05/2026	Council Member	Representative Member
Brunjes, Jonathan	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Nevada State Employee	Representative Member
DeStefano, Jill	02/09/2016	10/13/2025	School Teacher	Representative Member
Douglas, Fawn	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Tribal Member	Representative Member
Flook, Daniel	03/28/2023	03/28/2026	Nellis Air Force Base	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kirkpatrick, Marilyn	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Commissioner	Representative Member
Scott, Eric	02/09/2016	10/13/2025	Paleontologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Witt, Jose	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Conservation	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9**

### Narrative Description

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety

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Trust in government

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|---|--------------------------|
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

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

19

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council made 2 recommendations in 2023: 1- Work toward minimizing impacts to the monument by the GreenLink West transmission line project. 2 - AC members expressed strongly to have a more substantial role in the General Management Plan process. It fits their role as articulated in the legislation for the monument's establishment.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

**will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

75%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Most recommended projects are multi-year and some are still being pursued.

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

25%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The agency believed that the establishment of a Visitor Experience Subcommittee was premature in 2016 but has been reconsidered in FY 2023. TUSK has begun collecting visitor use data that is showing what types of recreation are occurring at the monument. A subcommittee may be established to gather info through the tourism industry to determine what experiences are lacking in the LV valley or which ones we haven't thought of yet. The GMP kicked off in July 2021. The AC held 3 meetings in FY23. The next meeting is scheduled for March 06, 2024.

**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 primary form of feedback would occur at the Council meetings during the updates and status of project activities conducted by the DFO. Other less formal methods of communication can be by email and/or phone calls providing updates on particular issues.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Not Applicable