

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Great Sand Dunes National Park Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Great Sand Dunes National Park Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

16583

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 05/19/2003 05/19/2005 05/19/2005

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear? **8b. Specific Termination Authority** **8c. Actual Term Date**

Yes 07/17/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** **10b. Legislation Pending?**

Terminate No Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority **13. Effective Date** **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

P.L. 106-530 11/22/2000 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open Meetings and Dates **17b. Closed** **17c. Partially Closed** **Other Activities** **17d. Total**

Purpose	Start	End
No meetings held in 2007.	10/01/2006	- 10/01/2006

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

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

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee has met two times this fiscal year to remain informed about the general management planning process and the public comment issues of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The council membership reflects the requirements of Public Law 106-530 which established the advisory council and allotted slots on the council to representatives from local counties, the Friends of the Dunes, and residents of the San Luis Valley. Council members also represent organizations of nearby property owners, a local environmental organization, a hunting and outfitter organization and the Nature Conservancy, an organization holding significant lands within the Monument.

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

The committee is expected to meet approximately 4 times per year. Frequent meetings are necessary to keep pace with the General Management Plan (GMP) process and to ensure that the GMP is completed as expeditiously and efficiently as possible. The GMP guides the management direction of the park, and as such, delays in its completion produces delays in implementation of a long-term management strategy for Great Sand Dunes.

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

The committee was authorized by Congress to provide advice on the completion of a General Management Plan for Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

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

All meeting are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The Council did not meet in 2007. The General Management Plan was finalized July 19, 2007.

Designated Federal Officer

Steve Chaney Superintendent, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Andrews, Herry	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	Alamosa County Board of Commissioners	Representative Member

Canaly, Christine	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	Executive Director, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council	Representative Member
Dixon, Hobart	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	President, Friends of the Dunes	Representative Member
Ogburn, Robert	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	Senior Judge, state of Colorado	Representative Member
Philleo, Robert	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	President, Baca Grande Property Owners Association	Representative Member
Robertson, Paul	04/26/2005	05/26/2009	Representing the General Public	Representative Member
Sandmeier, Terry	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	Board Member, Colorado Outfitter Registration Board	Representative Member
Spearman, Mike	04/26/2005	04/26/2009	Representing Saguache Board of County Commissioners	Representative Member
Whitten, George	05/16/2003	05/16/2007	Rio Grande Water Conservation District/Colorado Division of Water Resources	Representative Member
Woodward, Jeffrey	04/26/2005	04/26/2009	Representing Alamosa County Tourism	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-530, November 22, 2000) established the Great Sand Dunes National Park Advisory Council to advise the Secretary with respect to the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the national park and preserve ... The Advisory Council shall terminate upon the completion of the management plan for the national park and preserve.

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

The council's advice on dates and formats for public meetings concerning the General Management Plan, Wilderness Study and EIS was particularly useful during FY2006. Trust in Government and Customer Satisfaction have increased over the life of the council

due to the council's success seeking & acquiring public input from varied groups and communities; including public comment at every meeting; and using public input during discussion & decision making. The General Management Plan was finalized and dated July 19, 2007.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

1

Number of Recommendations Comments

The council voted to support the NPS Preferred Alternative selected from a number of alternatives reviewed and recommended by the council. This is an intermediate step in preparation of a management plan for the national park and preserve. No meetings in FY 2007.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

This is an intermediate step in preparation of a management plan for the national park and preserve.

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

will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

This is an intermediate step in preparation of a management plan for the national park and preserve.

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 NPS selected its preferred alternative from a number of alternatives reviewed and recommended by the council. This is an intermediate step in preparation of a management plan for the national park and preserve.

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

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

The NPS selected its preferred alternative from a number of alternatives reviewed and recommended by the council. This is an intermediate step in preparation of a management plan for the national park and preserve.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

<http://planning.nps.gov/parkweb/partner1.cfm?RecordID=118>