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### **Secretary Jewel Appoints Dominguez-Escalante Advisory Council**

Grand Junction, Colo - Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell recently announced the appointment of several local residents to the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Advisory Council.

“This council will assist the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in collaboratively developing a Resource Management Plan for the NCA and wilderness,” said Secretary Jewell. “I want to welcome our newly appointed council members and salute them for their commitment to public service.”

The council consists of 10 members who will serve three-year terms advising the BLM on the development of long-range management plans for the Dominguez-Escalante NCA and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness. The new advisory council members are Bob Janowski of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club and West Slope ATVA; Ralph Files as the Montrose County representative; Kaye Simonson as the Mesa County representative; Kate Graham of Conservation Colorado.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held Jan. 22 at the Mesa County Court House Annex, 225 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grand Junction. The meeting is scheduled to run from 3-6 p.m. For a complete list of all Advisory Council members along with meeting dates, times and locations, visit:

[http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/nca/denca/denca\\_rmp/DENCA\\_Resource\\_Advisory\\_Council.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/nca/denca/denca_rmp/DENCA_Resource_Advisory_Council.html)

Encompassing more than 210,000 acres of BLM administered public lands on the western slope of Colorado, the Dominguez-Escalante NCA is one of the BLM's 16 NCAs in the West. In addition to opportunities for multiple types of recreation, the spectacular canyon scenery and dynamic desert stream systems of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness, and important cultural resources and wildlife habitats, the Dominguez-Escalante NCA offers outstanding educational and scientific opportunities. NCAs are part of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, a unique network of special places that serve as scenic showcases for the conservation, protection, and restoration elements of BLM's multiple use mission. These treasured landscapes make up more than 27 million of the 253 million total acres of public lands managed by the BLM in the western United States.

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