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GSEP Statement on BLM's release of the Final Public Lands Rule – 4.19.24

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Escalante, Utah – On April 18, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced the release of the final **Public Lands Rule**, which establishes a “... framework to ensure healthy landscapes, abundant wildlife habitat, clean water, and balanced decision-making on our nation’s public lands.” Below is a statement from GSEP Executive Director, Dr. Jacqueline Grant, about the Rule and how it relates to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

“The Rule provides the BLM with a tool to restore our lands and allow these lands to continue to support our uses, from the ancestral uses of Indigenous people to modern uses such as recreation, and yes, grazing. The Rule gives us the people a way to engage with public lands that we have not had in the past - through **restoration leases**. Because the Rule is embedded within FLPMA, it applies to all BLM-administered lands, including the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The Public Lands Rule does not in any way undermine the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), infringe on multiple-use requirements for BLM lands, or hinder access to public lands.

GSEP looks forward to offering more stewardship opportunities to people who want to give back to our public lands.”

The rule will go into effect 30 days following publication in the [Federal Register](#).

To dive into more detail:

- See the [BLM’s webpage](#) on the Public Lands Rule.
- Examine an analysis of more than 150,000 [comments](#) on the Public Lands Rule - 92% of which were favorable toward the Rule.
- Explore [BLM Conservation Lands](#) that include three National Monuments totalling over 3.2 million acres in Utah.

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[Grand Staircase Escalante Partners \(GSEP\)](#) is a nonprofit organization with members and supporters from around the country dedicated to protecting the [Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument](#). From offices in Escalante and Kanab, Utah, our team of professionals care for Utah’s largest BLM-administered national monument and offer volunteers the opportunity to improve the Monument. Learn more at <https://gsenm.org/>.



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