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Southeast Utah Group: Arches and Canyonlands National Parks
Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments
2282 S. Resource Boulevard
Moab, Utah 84532-3298



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Grand County Commission
124 E. Center St.
Moab, UT 8452

Dear Grand County Commission,

The National Park Service Southeast Utah Group (NPS) enthusiastically supports the Moab Information Center (MIC) at its current downtown location. Since the early 1990s, the MIC has provided essential services to the visitors of Grand County and beyond. The MIC serves as the only multi-agency facility dedicated to providing unbiased regional information and trip-planning assistance to help people experience their public lands in southeastern Utah. For decades, knowledgeable and passionate staff have provided guidance for safely exploring the extraordinary municipal, state, and federal lands of red rock country. In addition to exceptional customer service, the MIC provides clean public bathrooms and free Wi-Fi to the downtown Moab area year-round. The MIC also provides a venue for local and visiting experts to present free programs about archaeology, paleontology, astronomy—and more—further enhancing our community.

As visitation to the area continues to climb, the MIC and its role of serving visitors in downtown Moab is more important than ever. The MIC will be critical to the success of the timed entry pilot at Arches National Park; NPS staff will work at the MIC through the pilot to assist visitors. With a record number of search and rescues (SAR) in 2021 for both the NPS and county, the importance of the MIC as a source of safe trip planning and preventative search and rescue cannot be overstated. Simply put, the MIC saves lives.

Moab, Utah is a mecca for outdoor recreation. Whether you hike, hunt, boat, mountain bike, climb, or take pictures, the MIC has always been the best place to start a Grand County adventure. Each year hundreds of thousands of visitors are served and lifelong memories are made thanks to the MIC. The National Park Service is proud of our long partnership with Grand County, Canyonlands Natural History Association, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management in operation of the MIC.

As an invaluable resource for enabling safe and fun recreational experiences, the National Park Service Southeast Utah Group wholeheartedly supports the MIC at the current downtown location.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Trap
Superintendent