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Moab, UT 84532

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Grand County Commission
124 E. Center St.
Moab, UT 84532

Dear Grand County Commissioners:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Moab Field Office professes our support for the continuation of the Moab Information Center (MIC) at its present location. The MIC was built through the cooperation of the National Park Service, the BLM, the County and the business community and operated by Canyonlands Natural History Association. The MIC has been the central information source and a 'one-stop-shop' for visitors coming to Moab since its conception in the early 1990s. The continued operation of the MIC is important to the mission of the BLM. The BLM has and will continue to contribute funds on a yearly basis to assist in the operation of the facility, which has been invaluable to the public by providing directions, recommendations, and proper outdoor etiquette to visitors of the area and surrounding public lands.

Given that the MIC is centrally located downtown where most visitors end up, it is more easily accessible and convenient than the BLM Moab Field Office. Many of the 3 million visitors to the area visit lands managed by the BLM. These visitors often go to the MIC to learn about the area and surrounding public lands, plan their outings, and receive educational information. In addition, the MIC offers services such as OHV registration and map sales as well as OHV education and information about a variety of chosen activities. The BLM has relied on the MIC to provide these services to our visitors (who often visit lands managed by other agencies). Furthermore, the location of the MIC in the center of town allows for visitors to gather the supplies needed to safely enjoy their outings from the nearby local businesses.

The BLM advocates for Grand County to continue the partnership represented by the operation of the MIC by Canyonlands Natural History Association at its present location.

Sincerely,

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