



# GRAND STAIRCASE ESCALANTE PARTNERS

**Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument** is a 1.9-million-acre national monument located in south-central Utah. It protects a rich geology of winding canyons and rugged mesas crossed by pristine rivers and waterfalls, as well as countless sandstone arches. The Monument has yielded world-class paleontological sites (dinosaurs, turtles, fish, and invertebrates) that tell the story of ancient life on Earth. Today, Grand Staircase-Escalante remains a haven for wildlife, supporting several endangered or threatened species in the "richest floristic region in the Intermountain West". It abounds with archaeological sites such as petroglyphs and granaries made by ancestral Puebloan peoples. Their descendants, the Native peoples of the Southwest including the Navajo (Dine), Paiute, Ute, Hopi, and Zuni, still hold this landscape sacred. There are no paved roads, but for those willing to explore, it offers outstanding opportunities for recreation including camping, hiking, boating, and wildlife viewing, as well as some of the darkest night skies in the lower 48.