



Nine Mile Canyon Coalition
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Greetings Nine Mile Canyon Coalition Members,

August 2020

It is with sadness that we announce the cancellation of this year's Nine Mile Canyon Coalition & Utah Statewide Archaeological Society Fall Gathering, scheduled for September 19, 2020 in Nine Mile Canyon.

We know that this will come as a disappointment to our Nine Mile Coalition & Utah Statewide Archaeological Society members who planned to attend this event. Following increased concerns about the COVID-19 virus, we feel this is the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. Although disappointed that we are unable to hold this event, we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today and our desire to prioritize the health and safety of our community.

In place of the in-person Nine Mile Canyon Fall Gathering, we're planning other ways for our community to get together through a combination of archaeological webinars, virtual site tours, and live streamed content. We'll share additional details regarding our virtual Fall Gathering via email and on our website at 9mcc.org. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing our members and the larger archaeology community during our 2021 Fall Gathering!

Despite the difficulties dealing with the pandemic, your Coalition Board has been very active over the last year and we would like to highlight some of our accomplishments:

- At last year's Fall Gathering and Stewardship Day, we were covered by a documentary film team from KUED television. They filmed a segment for a series titled, *This Is Utah*, destined for a national audience. If you have not seen it, here is a link: <https://video.pbsutah.org/video/set-in-stone-ootcib/>.
- The coalition and several partners protested and requested a review of a particularly bad BLM decision on gas drilling that would have had major impacts on Nine Mile Canyon. We were upheld and the project was sent back to the drawing board.
- We are one of the consulting parties on the Uinta Railway Project.
- The coalition continues to partner with Project Discovery and Stewardship Day.
- We have worked with BLM to extend the West Tavaputs Programmatic Agreement that was due to expire in January this year. The coalition continues to work to assure



the commitments for National Register listings, site stewardship, and interpretation are completed.

The board has been striving to accomplish our mission to protect and preserve Nine Mile Canyon. We count on your support and interest in the canyon to do this work. Enclosed is a membership renewal form to remain an active participant in canyon protection. You may also copy this form and share it with friends who may be interested in joining a truly grassroots organization. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Membership Director