

Table 4-1.

**ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL USE OF PUBLIC LANDS  
ADMINISTERED BY THE BLM, FISCAL YEAR 2001**

| <b>Administrative<br/>State /a/</b> | <b>Recreation Sites /b/<br/>Thousands</b> |                         | <b>Dispersed Areas /c/<br/>Thousands</b> |                     | <b>Total<br/>Thousands</b> |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|                                     | <i>Visits /d/</i>                         | <i>Visitor Days /e/</i> | <i>Visits</i>                            | <i>Visitor Days</i> | <i>Visits</i>              | <i>Visitor Days</i> |
| Alaska                              | 400                                       | 325                     | 655                                      | 1,299               | 1,055                      | 1,624               |
| Arizona                             | 3,771                                     | 12,887                  | 801                                      | 1,215               | 4,572                      | 14,102              |
| California                          | 2,181                                     | 6,988                   | 6,131                                    | 6,696               | 8,312                      | 13,684              |
| Colorado                            | 2,389                                     | 1,130                   | 2,503                                    | 2,280               | 4,892                      | 3,410               |
| Eastern States                      | 67  | 5                       | 0  | 0                   | 67                         | 5                   |
| Idaho                               | 2,159                                     | 1,447                   | 3,736                                    | 2,849               | 5,895                      | 4,296               |
| Montana                             | 782                                       | 1,344                   | 2,173                                    | 2,061               | 2,955                      | 3,405               |
| Nevada                              | 1,301                                     | 525                     | 3,974                                    | 3,081               | 5,275                      | 3,606               |
| New Mexico                          | 1,240                                     | 515                     | 1,293                                    | 1,285               | 2,533                      | 1,800               |
| Oregon                              | 3,632                                     | 2,383                   | 4,633                                    | 4,837               | 8,265                      | 7,220               |
| Utah                                | 3,224                                     | 2,274                   | 2,571                                    | 4,781               | 5,795                      | 7,055               |
| Wyoming                             | 654                                       | 379                     | 1,277                                    | 1,664               | 1,931                      | 2,043               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>21,800</b>                             | <b>30,202</b>           | <b>29,747</b>                            | <b>32,048</b>       | <b>51,547</b>              | <b>62,250</b>       |

/a/ The Arizona State Office administers BLM public lands in California along the Colorado River; the Eastern States Office administers BLM public lands in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River; the Montana State Office administers BLM public lands in North and South Dakota; the New Mexico State Office administers BLM public lands in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; the Oregon State Office administers BLM public lands in Washington; and the Wyoming State Office administers BLM public lands in Nebraska.

/b/ Developed recreation sites and other specific areas that are recognized as “managerially significant,” where management actions are required to provide specific recreation setting or activity opportunities, to protect resource values, or to provide visitor safety. Visitation estimates are based on a variety of methods at these sites and areas, including sampling, fee receipts, registrations, traffic counts, observations, or best estimates based on local knowledge.

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- /c/ Dispersed areas are the remaining public lands that are open to recreation use but that do not contain developed or managerially significant recreation sites. Visitation estimates in dispersed areas are generally best estimates based on local knowledge.
- /d/ A visit is the entry of any person for recreational purposes onto lands and related waters administered by the BLM, regardless of duration.
- /e/ A visitor day is a common unit of measure of recreation use among Federal agencies. One visitor day represents an aggregate of twelve visitor hours at a site or area.

Source: The BLM's Recreation Management Information System Reports ( Fiscal Year 2001).