

WELCOME TO PUBLIC LAND STATISTICS 2001

Welcome to the 2001 edition of *Public Land Statistics*, published by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We have redesigned the cover of this year's publication to convey the Bureau's complex and varied mission using visual imagery. The 80-plus tables inside the document tell the story of the BLM's mission, programs, and accomplishments using numerical data and detailed footnotes.

This year's edition includes one new table: Table 1-3, Mineral and Surface Acres Administered by the Bureau of Land Management. This table replaces last year's Table 1-3, U.S. General Services Administration Table: Comparison of Federally Owned Land with Total Acreage by State. Also, included are four new maps: Public Lands On-Shore Federal and Indian Minerals in Lands of the U.S., Responsibilities of BLM – Lower 48 States; Public Lands On-Shore Federal and Indian Minerals in Lands of the U.S., Responsibilities of BLM – Alaska; Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Acquisitions – Round 1: Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions; and the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Acquisitions – Round 2: Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions.

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Note that the data present in the 2001 Public Land Statistics tables may not exactly match the data in other BLM publications covering Fiscal Year 2001 operations and accomplishments. This occurs because the databases that provide table data are not static; they are constantly being updated to provide the latest information, sometimes many months after the end of the fiscal year. We have presented the most current data available in this edition of *Public Land Statistics*.

Your feedback and suggestions are always appreciated. We have included a comment card that you can cut out of the document, fold, and mail to our Headquarter Office. Any comments you provide will be used to help make *Public Land Statistics* as responsive to your needs as possible.

We remain committed to publishing a *Public Land Statistics* each year that is timely, complete, and as helpful as possible to our readers.