

## BLM, USFS, USFWS, ODF, and ODFW

Oh, the acronyms of government. Who do these initials belong to and what do they actually do?

### FEDERAL

Bureau of Land Management (BLM):

- Part of the U.S. Department of the Interior
- Manages public land resources for a variety of uses, such as energy development, livestock grazing, recreation, and timber harvesting, while protecting a wide array of natural, cultural, and historical resources. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield.
- The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation.
- Local contact number: (541) 573-4400.
- Web: <http://www.blm.gov/or/index.php>

U.S. Forest Service (USFS):

- Part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Mission is very similar to that of the BLM, with specific legislation guiding how its lands are to be used under the principle of multiple-use.
- Most of the USFS-managed 192 million acres are forested (154 national forests). The agency also administers 20 national grasslands.
- Local contact number: (541) 573-4300
- Web: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r6>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):

- Part of the U.S. Department of Interior.
- Dedicated to the management of fish, wildlife, and natural habitats on 89 million acres across the U.S. The agency protects endangered species, manages migratory birds, restores fisheries, and enforces federal wildlife laws, among other things.
- Some divisions within USFWS are the National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Fish Hatchery System, and the Endangered Species program.
- Local contact number: (541) 589-0819 (message only until the Refuge reopens to the public)
- Web: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/malheur/>

### STATE OF OREGON

State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW):

- Part of the executive branch of government within the State of Oregon.
- Focused on protecting and enhancing Oregon's fish and wildlife (amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles) and their habitats. Unlike Federal agencies who receive congressional direction, the ODFW's policies are set by the Fish and Wildlife Commission, a seven-member volunteer board appointed by the Governor.
- Responsible for managing the statewide fishing and hunting licensing system.
- Local contact number: (541) 573-6582
- Web: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/>

State of Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF):

- Part of the executive branch of government within the State of Oregon.



- Fire protection has been the top priority since the department's creation in 1911. Today, the agency's fire protection responsibility includes about 16 million acres of private and state-owned forests, county forestlands, and, by contract, BLM-managed forests in Western Oregon.
- Manages about one million acres of state-owned forestland for a full range of benefits—from timber harvest and resulting revenue for public services, to clean air and water, recreation, and wildlife habitat.
- Local contact number: (541) 575-1139 (John Day, Oregon)
- Web: <http://www.oregon.gov/odf/Pages/index.aspx>

Despite their different names and acronyms and slightly varied missions, each of these agencies is truly responsible for one thing: managing our nation's public resources – rangelands, forests, grasslands, fish, wildlife and habitat. How do I know if I am on BLM land? How do I see some of the mapping data that BLM has available for download? These questions and more are answered with BLM's data viewer. You can even enter your latitude and longitude and zoom right to that location! Or you can find details about BLM lands and print a custom map for your very own needs. Start with BLM's comprehensive and interactive land management online mapping tool at:

[https://webmaps.blm.gov/Geocortex/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=orwa\\_data\\_viewer](https://webmaps.blm.gov/Geocortex/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=orwa_data_viewer)

Or, just give us a call, stop on by the local office, or check out a map at any of these agencies.