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Fee Free Days for BLM-Managed Public Lands Set for 2014

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The Bureau of Land Management, in conjunction with other agencies within the Department of the Interior, will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Jan. 20), Presidents' Day weekend (Feb. 15- Feb 17), National Public Lands Day (Sept. 27), and Veterans Day (Nov. 11) in 2014.

BLM Deputy Director Linda Lance said, "I'm pleased to announce the fee-free days for 2014 and I invite people to take full advantage of these opportunities to explore and enjoy their public lands. BLM-managed lands offer more diverse recreational opportunities than any other federal agency."

The BLM manages and facilitates recreational activities across more than 245 million acres of public lands under its jurisdiction. About 58 million visits are made annually to BLM-managed lands and waters, supporting 57,000 jobs nationwide and contributing \$7 billion to the nation's economy.

Site-specific standard amenity and individual day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, and group day use, will remain in effect. More details about fee-free days and activities on BLM-managed public lands are available at: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/Recreation/BLM_Fee_Free_Days.html.

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. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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