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## **BLM Designates 2016 Fee-Free Days, Making it Even Easier For Americans to Connect with Their Public Lands**

WASHINGTON –The Bureau of Land Management manages more recreational opportunities than any other federal agency, and most of these recreational opportunities are accessible to the public for free. A small number of BLM-managed recreation sites charge a standard amenity or day use fee, which will be waived on January 18, 2016 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 13-15, 2016, September 24, 2016 (National Public Lands Day), and November 11, 2016 (Veterans Day).

“Fee-free days make it easier than ever for Americans to connect with their public lands,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “Come discover opportunities to hike, bike, climb, fish and camp—right outside your back door.”

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public lands, which provide for a wide range of recreational opportunities. About 61 million visits were made to BLM-managed lands and waters in 2014, supporting more than 41,000 jobs nationwide and contributing \$5.5 billion to the nation’s economy.

Site-specific standard amenity and day-use fees at BLM recreation sites and areas will be waived for the specified dates. Other fees, such as overnight camping, cabin rentals, group day use and use of special areas will remain in effect. More details about fee-free days and activities on BLM-managed public lands are available at [blm.gov](http://blm.gov).

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 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. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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