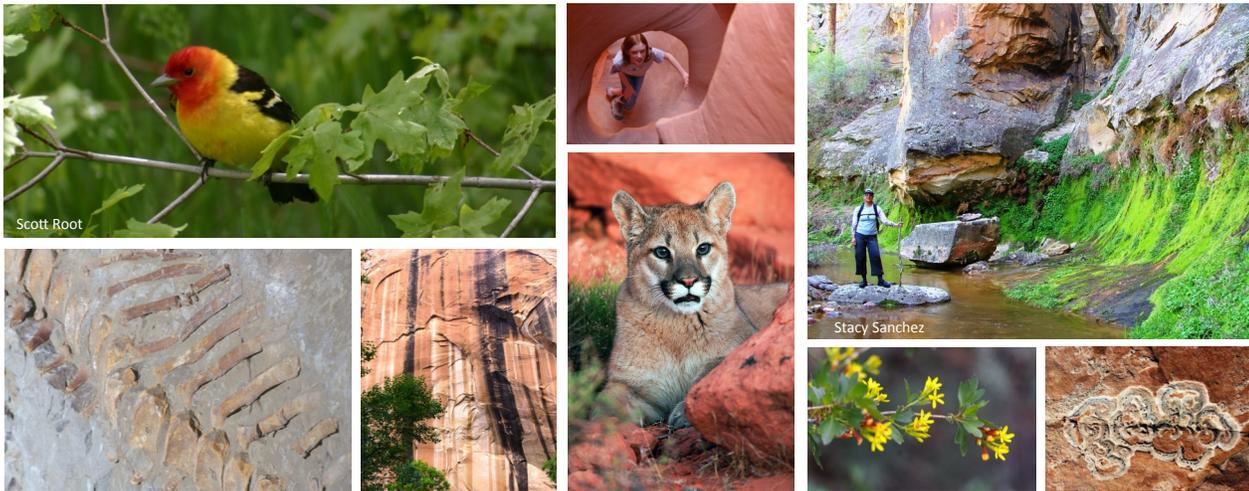


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# The BLM, the National Landscape Conservation System, and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument



The BLM is steward to many great American landscapes. Among the 245 million surface acres the agency administers, most are west of the Mississippi River. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate located throughout the country. The uses of these lands are many – livestock grazing, energy development, minerals, forest products, rights-of-way, Native American traditional uses, recreation, wildlife habitat, and conservation. The BLM is responsible for balancing this mix of practices to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public land for present and future generations. In other words, the BLM manages these lands under the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield.

Slightly more than 10 percent of BLM-administered lands have been designated as part of the National Conservation Landscape System (NLCS); these areas are also referred to as National Conservation Lands.

Most of these areas have been designated as special areas for management by an act of Congress or by presidential proclamation. The mission of the NLCS is to conserve, protect, and restore nationally important landscapes that have been recognized for their cultural, ecological, and scientific values. The NLCS includes approximately 27 million acres of national monuments, national conservation areas, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, and national scenic and historic trails.

In Utah, National Conservation Lands include: GSENM, Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area, Red Cliffs National Conservation Area, portions of 3 national historic trails, 19 miles of wild and scenic river segments, 18 wilderness areas, and 87 wilderness study areas.

GSENM was established in 1996 by Presidential Proclamation 6920 under the Antiquities Act of

*The BLM is an agency in the US Department of the Interior that manages approximately a quarter billion acres – more than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. Approximately 27 million acres of BLM administered lands make up the collection of National Conservation Lands, also known as the National Landscape Conservation System. These include BLM National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, and National Scenic and Historic Trails. The mission of the National Conservation Lands is to conserve, protect, and restore these nationally significant landscapes that are recognized for their outstanding cultural,*

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1906 (34 Statute 225, 16 US Code 431). The Proclamation designating GSENM states "The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the monument through the Bureau of Land Management, pursuant to applicable legal authorities, to implement the purposes of this proclamation." The Proclamation specifies that GSENM is reserved for the purpose of protecting an array of historic, biological, geological, paleontological, and archeological objects. The Proclamation also allowed for the continuation of valid existing rights, hunting, fishing, and livestock grazing.



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## Glen Canyon National Recreation Area



Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GCNRA) was established in 1972 (Public Law 92-593) to, "...provide for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment of Lake Powell and lands adjacent thereto in the States of Arizona and Utah and to preserve scenic, scientific, and historic features contributing to public enjoyment of the area." The purposes of the recreation area are identified in the 1972 enabling legislation. The values are the vegetation, soil, water quality, wildlife, archaeological, historic, paleontological, scenic, and recreation resources that make up the scenic, scientific, and historic features that define the outdoor recreational use and enjoyment of GCNRA.



For more information, please visit the GSENM Livestock Grazing Plan Amendment Webpage: <http://blm.gov/pgld>

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