



## **Raymond Suazo**

### **BLM Arizona State Director**

Ray Suazo is the BLM Arizona State Director, responsible for leading a staff of nearly 500 employees and the management of more than 12 million surface and 17 million subsurface acres of public lands in Arizona. Ray joined the BLM Arizona State Office in 2006. He served as Chief Information Officer, Deputy State Director for Business and Support Services, and Associate State Director before his appointment as the Arizona State Director in 2011.

Ray is a United States Air Force veteran with more than 27 years of public service. Prior to joining the BLM, he worked for U.S. Forest Service for many years, beginning his career as a seasonal range technician and later serving as Deputy Forest Supervisor in Arizona, the Rangeland Information Program Manager in New Mexico, and the National Rangeland Information Coordinator headquartered in Washington D.C.

A native of Santa Fe, N.M., Ray earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Information Systems from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M. He is recognized for his innovative management skills and his commitment to sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands