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BLM Eastern States General Land Office to present at GIS conferences virtually

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—The Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States General Land Office will present at the upcoming Esri FedGIS and RootsTech conferences. The Esri FedGIS Conference is scheduled for Feb. 22-24 and RootsTech is scheduled for Feb. 25-27.

RootsTech and Esri host the largest Geographic Information Systems and family history events in the industry, emphasizing genealogical research and GIS as a tool for federal government agencies. Both conferences will be held virtually this year in accordance with CDC guidelines for COVID-19.

“We are pleased to participate in these world-class events – Esri, RootsTech, and the BLM have done a stellar job adapting to a virtual environment,” said BLM Eastern States Manager Ryan Tietjen. “The BLM typically mans an in-person booth each year and we were to able think outside the box to replicate that experience virtually.”

The BLM will showcase its innovative “Record of the Week” story map project via video and provide tutorials on records access through the GLO Records Automation website, available online at <https://gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>.

To register for the events, visit: <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng> and <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/federal-gis-conference/overview>.

The GLO website, which is the Department of Interior’s most visited site, provides real-time access to federal land conveyance records, including images to more than 5 million federal land title records issued dating to 1788. The site also hosts survey plat images and field notes, land status records, as well as control document index records.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency’s mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America’s public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$111 billion in economic output across the country in fiscal year 2019—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 498,000 jobs.