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California Public Lands

National System of Public Lands



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About BLM California

California is one of the most diverse states in the nation with public lands extending across rangelands, forests, high mountains, deserts and coast.

The abundance of natural resources on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management throughout California supports a multiple-use mission, while providing important economic benefits to California and the nation.

BLM California has a strong history of meeting the nation's growing renewable energy needs and often sets the

standard for sustainable development, while ensuring our natural, recreational, historical and cultural resources will be available for future generations.

In California, the BLM oversees:

- 15 million acres of public land (about 15% of the Golden State's land mass)
- 47 million acres of subsurface mineral estate
- 1.6 million acres of public land in northwestern Nevada

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NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS





Enhancing the quality of life for all through the balanced stewardship of America's public lands and resources.

The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. To achieve these goals, we cultivate community based conservation, citizen centered stewardship and partnership through consultation, cooperation and communication.



1,735

Miles of nationally designated trails on public lands



25,192

Miles of off-highway vehicle routes on public lands



3.5 Million

Visits by campers and hikers on public lands



198,182

Acres affected by wildfire on BLM public lands in California



2.3 Million

Visitors participate in educational and interpretive programming



120

Miles of wild and scenic rivers



+\$27 Million

Revenue from solar, wind & geothermal sites on public lands



\$75.4 Million

Rent & royalties reinvested from energy production on public lands



7.741 Million

Barrels of oil and 10.13 billion cubic feet of natural gas produced on public lands



6.1 Million

Acres of permitted livestock grazing on public lands

Responsible Energy Development

BLM-managed public lands make significant contributions to the nation's energy goals. BLM California manages an extensive renewable energy program, that supports America's Clean Energy Future including geothermal, wind and solar energy.

- 41 authorized wind, solar and geothermal facilities
- 6,500 megawatts of electricity
- enough energy to power 2 million homes



Recreation Access

Public lands in California offer a variety of recreational opportunities; hunting, fishing, hiking, OHV use, mountain biking, horseback riding, boating and backcountry exploring.

- 735,000 acres open for OHV use, including the world-renowned Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area
- 5.2 million visitors participate in OHV recreation
- 14 million acres open to hunting
- 350 miles of river open to fishing
- 189 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail
- 542 Recreation sites and areas
- More than 430,000 visitors participate in rockhounding



Wildfire Management

The BLM fire program carries out a broad range of actions to protect communities, recreation areas, wildlife habitat and other resources. In California, years of severe drought are leading to historic levels of tree die-off, which contributes to an increased fire risk.

The BLM is a member of the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force and is committed to interagency coordination and partnership.

- 16 million acres directly protected by the BLM in California and northwestern Nevada
- 10,478 wildfires fought in California
- Employ over 300 fire staff in the state for various positions, including suppression, preparedness and fuels programs



National Conservation Lands

BLM's National Conservation Lands recognize and protect some of the West's most spectacular natural and historical areas. Overall, BLM California manages approximately 10 million acres of National Conservation Lands. The BLM is working to support conservation of 30% of lands and waters by 2030.

- 10 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 3 National Historic Trails, 1 National Scenic Trail
- 7 National Monuments, 1 National Conservation Area, 1 National Scenic Area
- 1 Outstanding Natural Area, 1 Forest Reserve
- 92 Wilderness Areas, 63 Wilderness Study Areas



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- Wilderness
- Off-Highway Vehicle Area
- Conservation Lands of the CA Desert
- NM-National Monument
- NCA-National Conservation Area
- ONA-Outstanding Natural Area
- California Coastal NM
- California Desert Conservation Area
- Wild & Scenic River

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