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Wyoming Public Lands



2017 Annual Report

A message from the Wyoming State Director

The closing of fiscal year 2017 marked another year of diverse achievements for BLM Wyoming. The multiple-use activities authorized on BLM Wyoming lands generated \$18.4 billion in economic output, supporting about 76,400 jobs and producing over \$5 billion in labor income. It was also a year of fresh focus in our service to the American public, prioritizing energy independence, shared conservation stewardship, getting America back to work, making America safe, and serving the American family. BLM Wyoming made many positive contributions to this mission in 2017, and we are uniquely positioned to continue this success in the future.

As in previous years, Wyoming led the nation in coal, uranium, trona, bentonite and onshore natural gas production, and we were a top producer of onshore oil. The responsible development of these public resources helps make America safe through energy independence, and contributes substantially to public revenue and local economies. BLM Wyoming mineral royalties and revenues generated over \$1.2 billion, half of which went directly to the State of Wyoming. Building on this success, we issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Normally Pressured Lance project in July 2017, analyzing up to 3,500 new gas wells in Sublette County over the next 10 years.

With a focus on being a good neighbor, we enriched our commitment to serving the American family and getting America back to work. In 2017, we administered about 2,900 grazing permits and leases inside approximately 17.4 million acres of public land. We also oversaw the production of about three million board feet of timber, in addition to issuing 624 Christmas tree permits to Wyoming families. We also played a crucial role in making 3.1 million visits to Wyoming public lands possible. Hunting, fishing and camping were all top recreation activities.

August 21, 2017, marked a special day for the nation, when Americans from coast-to-coast came together to observe the total solar eclipse. The eclipse path of totality went through the length of Wyoming, passing over BLM-administered lands in the Lander, Pinedale, Worland and Casper Field Offices. Over 260,000 people traveled to Wyoming locations to observe the eclipse. BLM Wyoming worked closely with agency, state, local and private partners for over a year to prepare for the event. Together, we enhanced visitor safety and enjoyment, prevented resource damage, and informed the public about fire danger and the diverse recreation opportunities on BLM-administered public land. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the eclipse visitors for the responsible way they accessed and used their public lands.

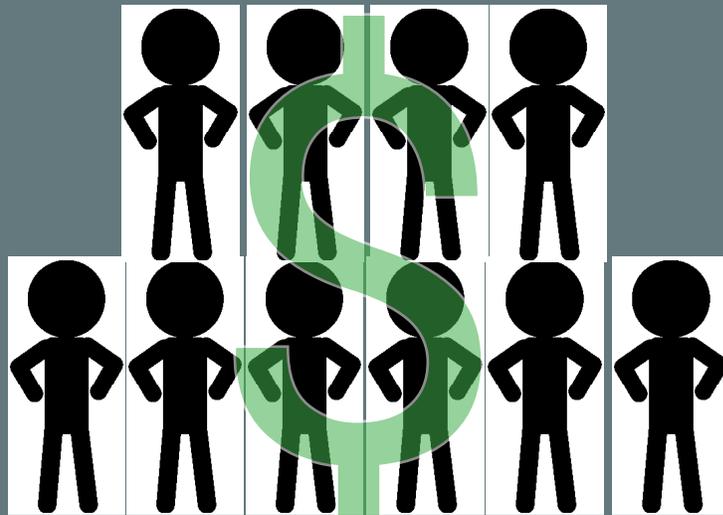
Finally, as always, BLM Wyoming achievements are made possible by the collaborative efforts of our volunteers and local communities. Volunteers contributed over 26,000 hours of service in 2017, partially during seven National Public Lands Day events. With this spirit of shared conservation stewardship and responsible multiple-use activity, we look forward to another year of administering Wyoming public lands for the benefit of current and future generations.



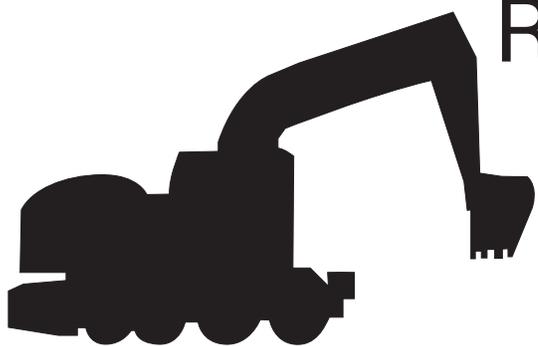
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Economy

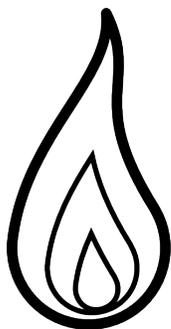
In fiscal year 2017, the diverse activities authorized on BLM Wyoming-managed lands generated \$18.4 billion in economic output across the state. This economic activity supported 76,400 jobs and more than \$5 billion in labor income within the State of Wyoming.



Royalties and Production



\$438,661,677 in coal royalties



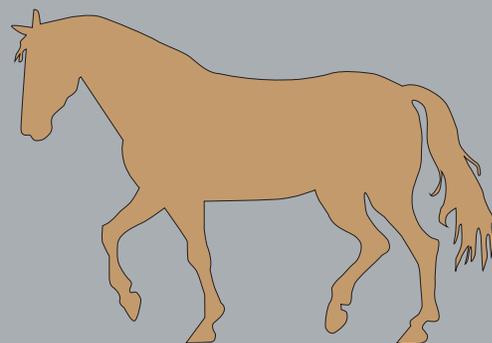
1.04 trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced

\$516,574,883 in oil and gas royalties



Wild Horse & Burro Program

Estimated 2017 population of 7,144.
155 horses and burros were adopted.



BY THE NUMBERS

\$669 million
royalties, rents, and bonuses transferred to the State of Wyoming

\$28.6 million
payments in lieu of taxes transferred to the State of Wyoming

\$1.208 billion
total mineral royalties/revenues

38.7 million
total barrels of oil produced

282 million
tons of coal produced

3.1 million
visitors to Wyoming public lands

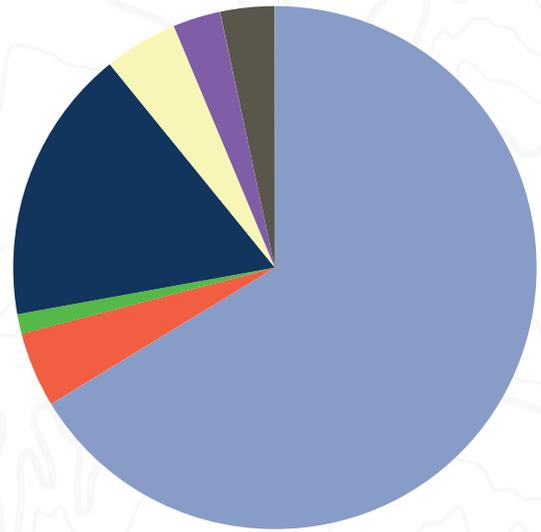
36,000
visitors to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

1,400
miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails

1.3 million
acres of forest

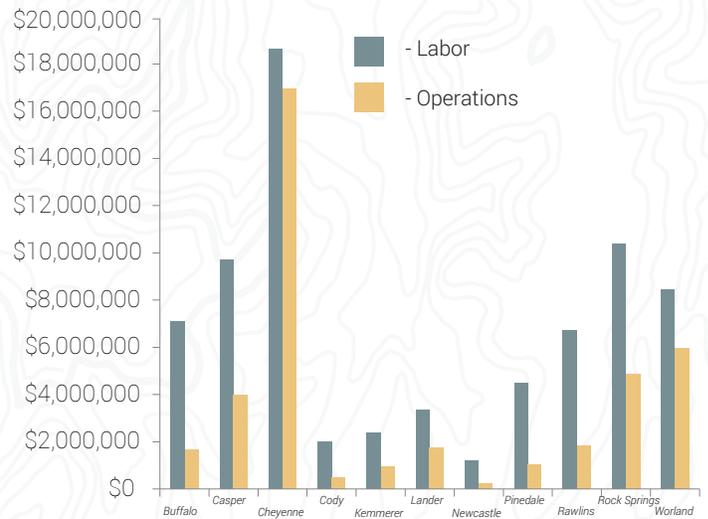
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BLM Wyoming Budget for 2017
\$119,000,000

- 66% - Management of Land and Resources
- 17% - Wildland Fire Management
- 7% - Permit Processing
- 4% - Motorized Fleet
- 3% - Other
- 2% - Reimbursable Projects
- 1% - Rangeland Improvements



Salary and Operational Funding by Community 2017
\$119,000,000

The BLM manages more than 18.4 million acres of public lands and 40.7 million acres of federal mineral estate in Wyoming. BLM-managed lands in Wyoming contain world-class energy and mineral resources that are crucial to the nation. We're leading the way with coal, oil and gas, uranium, bentonite, and trona production. At the same time, these lands offer abundant opportunities for recreation.

Direct Financial Transfers to the State of Wyoming

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	\$28,605,863
Royalties, Rents and Bonuses	\$669,010,220

Federal Collections from BLM-Managed Lands and Minerals

Recreation fees	\$206,335
Lands and realty management	\$9,064,347
Timber management	\$125,483
Mining claim location/maintenance	\$5,506,949
Mineral materials	\$1,386,366
Mineral royalties/revenues	\$1,207,950,669

Mineral royalties/revenues

Oil and gas royalties	\$516,574,883
Coal royalties	\$438,661,677
Trona ore royalties	\$34,232,444
Fees, bonus bids, other mineral revenue and royalties	\$170,772,299
Total	\$1,207,950,669

Energy and Mineral Production

Barrels of oil produced	38,736,811
Oil and gas leases	13,095
Acres of oil and gas development	8.4 million
Trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced	1.04
Tons of coal produced	281,863,234



Minerals and Lands Fast Facts

Coal:

- Wyoming, the nation's leading coal producer since 1986, provides about 40 percent of America's coal through the top 10 producing mines located in the Powder River Basin.

Uranium:

- Wyoming continues to be America's leader in uranium production with over 2.6 million pounds produced annually.
- 15 authorized Plans of Operations and 5 authorized Notice Level Operations for in situ recovery/in situ leaching.

Trona:

- Wyoming has the world's largest deposit of trona, supplying about 90 percent of the nation's soda ash. Trona is Wyoming's top international export, and Wyoming's reserves will last over 2,000 years.

Bentonite:

- Wyoming continues to be America's leader in bentonite production with almost 4 million tons produced in 2017, accounting for nearly 50% of the world's total production.
- 57 authorized Plans of Operations for bentonite mining, 13 pending.

Oil and Gas:

- BLM Wyoming is number one in federal onshore gas production and number two in federal onshore oil production.

Transmission:

- Two major transmission line projects were approved in December 2016
- More than 1,200 miles of combined transmission lines; 4,500 Megawatt (MW) total capacity; targeted in-service dates by 2020.

Renewable Energy:

- 5 authorized projects are collecting wind data.
- 34 turbines operating on BLM-administered land at the Foote Creek Rim Wind Farm (Arlington) generate between 17 and 34 MW of electricity.

Forestry

- 1.3 million acres of forested land
- Approximately \$32,172 in vegetation/timber harvest sales collections
- 3 million board feet of timber sold
- 630 cords of firewood sold
- 2,957 green tons of biomass sold
- 624 Christmas trees sold
- 6,975 pounds of native seed sold
- 261 woody vegetation transplants sold
- 1,064 forest acres treated for forest health
- 754 Special Forest Products permits issued to the public
- 1,011 forested acres inventoried

Recreation Program

Milestones

- 3.1 million visitors on public lands in Wyoming; top 5 activities are camping, hunting, fishing, non-motorized trail recreation, motorized trail/road recreation
- 36,000 visitors at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
- 303 Special Recreation Permits administered
- \$42,020 revenue was generated from pass sales
- 1,400 miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails
- 42 Wilderness Study Areas
- 42 Recreation Management Areas (RMAs)
- 4 Backcountry Byways and Backways
- 3 Paleontological Interpretive Sites
- 3 Environmental Education Areas
- 3 Off-Highway Vehicle Play Areas
- 2 Wild Horse Viewing Areas
- 1 developed mountain biking trail system

Range and Weeds

- 445 grazing allotments monitored
- 103 grazing permits/leases fully processed and issued
- 96 grazing preference transfers
- 1,087 inspections on livestock grazing allotments for permit/lease compliance
- 182 land health evaluation reports completed
- 28,412 acres of watersheds assessed
- ~ 3,500 grazing allotments administered
- ~ 2,900 grazing permits/leases administered
- ~ 17.4 million acres of public land administered inside of grazing allotments

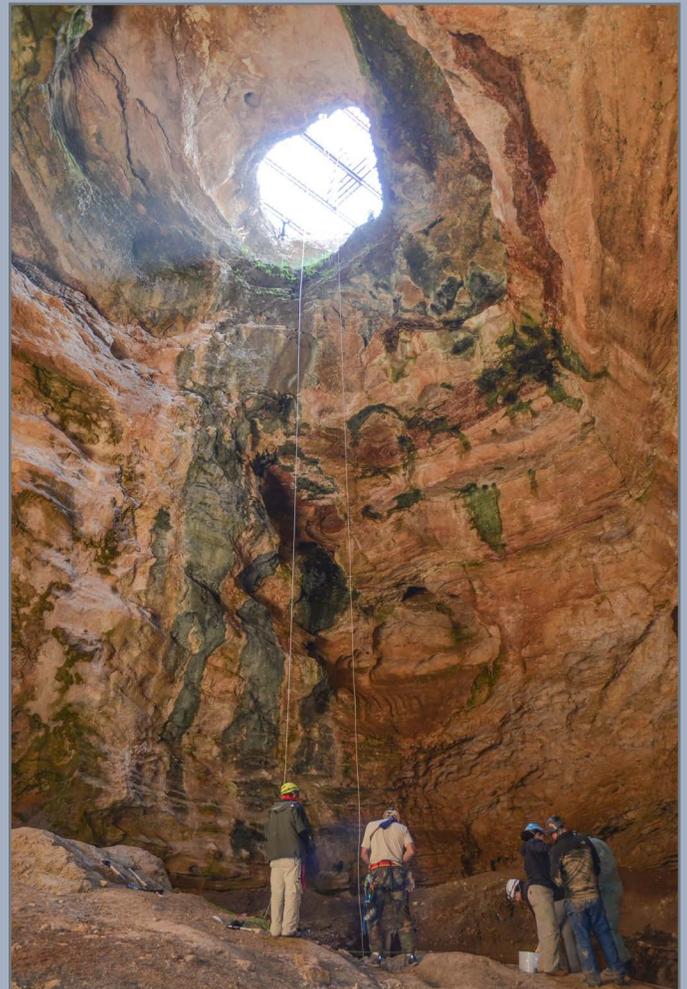
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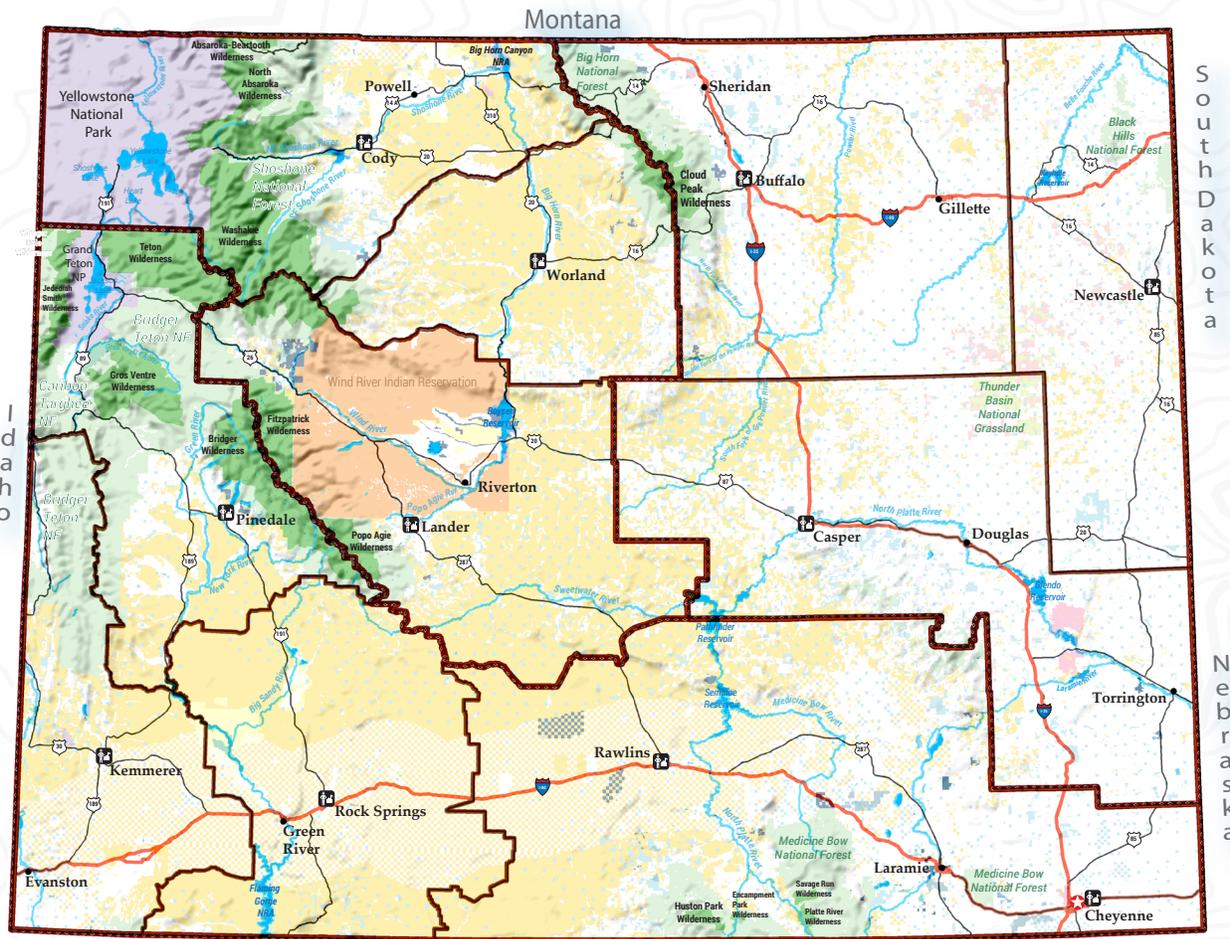
- BLM Wyoming manages 16 herd management areas, three holding facilities, one preparation facility in Rock Springs, the Mantle Adoption and Training Facility in Wheatland, and the Wyoming Honor Farm in Riverton with a total wild horse holding capacity of 1,200.



Cultural and Paleontological Resources

- Over 75,000 acres surveyed at the Class III level (intensive inventory); 44,359 acres on BLM administered lands and 31,203 acres on non-BLM surface
- 940 sites recorded; 588 on BLM-administered lands and 352 on non-BLM surface
- 373 cultural resources determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; 204 on BLM-administered lands and 169 on non-BLM surface
- 475 resources avoided potential adverse effects
- 91 monitored cultural properties in stable condition
- 82 permits for archaeological investigations in effect
- 28 consultation meetings with representatives and governments of federally-recognized Indian tribes
- 74 public presentations on cultural and paleontological resources, 35 of those to students in K-12; we reached 4,926 people in public presentations, and 2,517 K-12 students.
- 8,383 total number of paleo locations
- 59 paleo permits in effect





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