Wyoming Public Lands

2018 Annual Report
BLM Wyoming is privileged to oversee the administration of a vast array of public natural resources, from recreation trails and wildlife habitat on approximately 18.4 million acres of public lands, to the extensive mineral resources we administer for every American in 42.9 million acres of federal mineral estate. Fiscal Year 2018 marked another year of successes for our multiple-use mission. Working in our tradition of shared conservation stewardship with local communities, state agencies and our other partners, we authorized activities that produced $18.7 billion in economic output across the state, supporting over 64,900 jobs.

In 2018, we celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the National Trails System Act. We manage 1,644 miles of Congressionally-designated National Scenic and Historic Trails in Wyoming, and hundreds more miles of other significant historic trails. We marked the anniversary of the Trails Act with special publications and events, including a redesign of our Wyoming Historic Trails map, which is available on our website, in our Field Offices and at our National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper. The Trails Center saw over 32,000 visitors in 2018. We are proud to offer seven permanent galleries, weekly summer interpretive programs, and Trail Trek tours of our historic trails at that location, all free to the public.

Being a good neighbor to the communities we serve is a top priority for the BLM. As in previous years, we were among the leading BLM states in facilitating the production of coal, uranium, trona, bentonite, onshore natural gas and onshore oil. This activity generated over $1.1 billion in royalties and revenues, of which half went directly to the State of Wyoming. We also administered over 2,900 grazing permits and leases inside approximately 17.4 million acres of public land, and collected approximately $156,000 in vegetation and timber harvest sales.

I'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers, whose contributions helped us keep the public lands we manage healthy and productive. These individuals contributed over 6,000 hours of service in 2018, making six National Public Lands Day events and other projects possible. We also made a special focus of cultivating this spirit of shared conservation stewardship in the next generation by conducting 75 education and youth engagement activities. In this spirit of collaboration, we look forward to another year of multiple-use administration for the people and public lands we serve.
Economy

In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM Wyoming-managed lands generated $18.7 billion in economic output across the state. This economic activity supported 64,950 jobs and more than $4.6 billion in labor income within the State of Wyoming.

Royalties and Production

$389.9 million in coal royalties

$613.6 million in oil and gas royalties

1.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced

Wild Horse & Burro Program

Estimated 2018 population of 7,836. 246 horses and burros were adopted.
$564 million
royalties, rents, and bonuses transferred to the State of Wyoming

$31.7 million
payments in lieu of taxes transferred to the State of Wyoming

$1.1 billion
total mineral royalties/revenues

44 million
total barrels of oil produced

262.4 million
tons of coal produced

2.6 million
visitors to Wyoming public lands

3.4 million
short tons of potash soda and trona produced

32,160
visitors to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

1,791
miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails

7,836
estimated population of wild horses and burros

246
wild horses and burros adopted

BLM Wyoming Budget for 2018
$129,713,485

65% Management of Land and Resources
14% Wildland Fire Management
9% Permit Processing
5% Other
4% Motorized Fleet
2% Remimbursable Projects
1% Rangeland Improvements

Salary and Operational Funding by Community
$129,713,485
The BLM manages more than 18.4 million acres of public lands and 41.6 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) $19,698,962
Royalties, Rents and Bonuses $563,955,988

Federal Collections from BLM-Managed Lands and Minerals
Recreation fees $259,870
Lands and realty management $9,323,227
Timber management $156,000
Mineral materials $1,492,117
Mineral royalties/revenues $1,136,180,166

Mineral royalties/revenues
Oil and gas royalties $613,615,555
Coal royalties $389,852,349
Trona ore royalties $29,432,340
Fees, bonus bids, other mineral revenue and royalties $103,279,923
Total $1,136,180,166

Energy and Mineral Production
Barrels of oil produced 43,965,332
Oil and gas leases 12,780
Acres of oil and gas development 8,100,000
Trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced 1.4
Tons of coal produced 262,448,577

Minerals and Lands Fast Facts
Coal:
• Wyoming, the nation’s leading coal producer since 1986, provides about 40 percent of America’s coal.

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
• 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 $156,000 in vegetation/timber harvest sales collections
• 3.1 million board feet of timber sold
• 1,319 cords of firewood sold
• 1,620 green tons of biomass sold
• 432 Christmas tree permits sold
• 14,475 pounds of native seed sold
• 4,170 bushels of cone seeds sold
• 3,104 woody vegetation transplants sold
• 636 Special Forest Products permits issued to the public
• 1,690 forested acres inventoried
• 753 acres restored through thinning
• 355 acres restored through harvest

Black Butte Mine by Steve Muscha
Recreation Program

Milestones
• 2.6 million visitors on public lands in Wyoming; top 5 activities are camping, hunting, fishing, non-motorized trail recreation, motorized trail/road recreation
• 32,161 visitors at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
• 325 Special Recreation Permits administered
• $28,770 revenue was generated from pass sales
• 1,644 miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails
• 42 Wilderness Study Areas
• 51 Recreation Management Areas (RMAs)
• 4 Backcountry Byways and Backways
• 3 Paleontological Interpretive Sites
• 3 Environmental Education Areas
• 3 Off-Highway Vehicle Play Areas
• 3 Wild Horse Viewing Areas
• 1 developed mountain biking trail system

Range and Weeds
• 502 grazing allotments monitored
• 88 grazing permits/leases fully processed and issued
• 128 grazing preference transfers
• 1,115 inspections on livestock grazing allotments for permit/lease compliance
• 134 land health evaluation reports completed
• 318,710 acres of watersheds assessed
• ~ 3,500 grazing allotments administered
• ~ 2,950 grazing permits/leases administered
• ~ 17.4 million acres of public land administered inside of grazing allotments

Wild Horse and Burro Program
• 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 40,000 acres surveyed at the Class III level (intensive inventory) for cultural resources on BLM-administered lands
• 655 cultural resources recorded on BLM-administered lands
• 392 cultural resources determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places on BLM-administered lands
• 439 cultural resources avoided potential adverse effects
• 119 monitored cultural resources in stable condition
• 69 permits for archaeological investigations in effect
• 30 consultation meetings with representatives and governments of federally recognized Indian tribes
• 64 public presentations on cultural and paleontological resources, 41 of those to students in K-12, reaching 9,443 members of the general public and 5,403 K-12 students, respectively
• 8,666 total number of paleo locations
• 53 paleo permits in effect

Plaster and burlap are used to protectively encase a Jurassic dinosaur bone in the Bighorn Basin, WY. Photo courtesy BLM Permittee Octávio Mateus.