**Places You Know, Places You've Never Imagined**

If there is such a thing as the "hidden" American West, Bureau of Land Management lands is the place to find it. This public land portfolio, covering 500 million acres—13 percent of the nation's land area—serves as a witness to the nation's history and a reservoir of natural beauty for all to enjoy. A trip to BLM-managed lands takes some effort, but the remote location of many sites are among the treasures of our nation's heritage and our well-being. This led to a movement to protect these free-flowing segments. Through the 1968 National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Congress makes a final decision regarding whether or not they should be designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. Many recreationists might choose to backpack the spine of the Rockies or walk along the Great Rift. From the crystal clear rapids of California's North Fork American River to the bluffs of Idaho's Bruneau River, BLM's lands provide a wealth of opportunities for understanding and enjoying American landscapes. America's National Conservation Lands, facilitated the publication of this map. Designated by the President of the United States as a National Conservation Lands, which recognizes the role of these lands in protecting resources of national significance, the map is also designed to assist you in discovering new places you'll want to explore.

**Preserving Our Past**

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