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# California Public Lands

National System of Public Lands

BLM California  
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# NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS

## 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 the state and the nation.

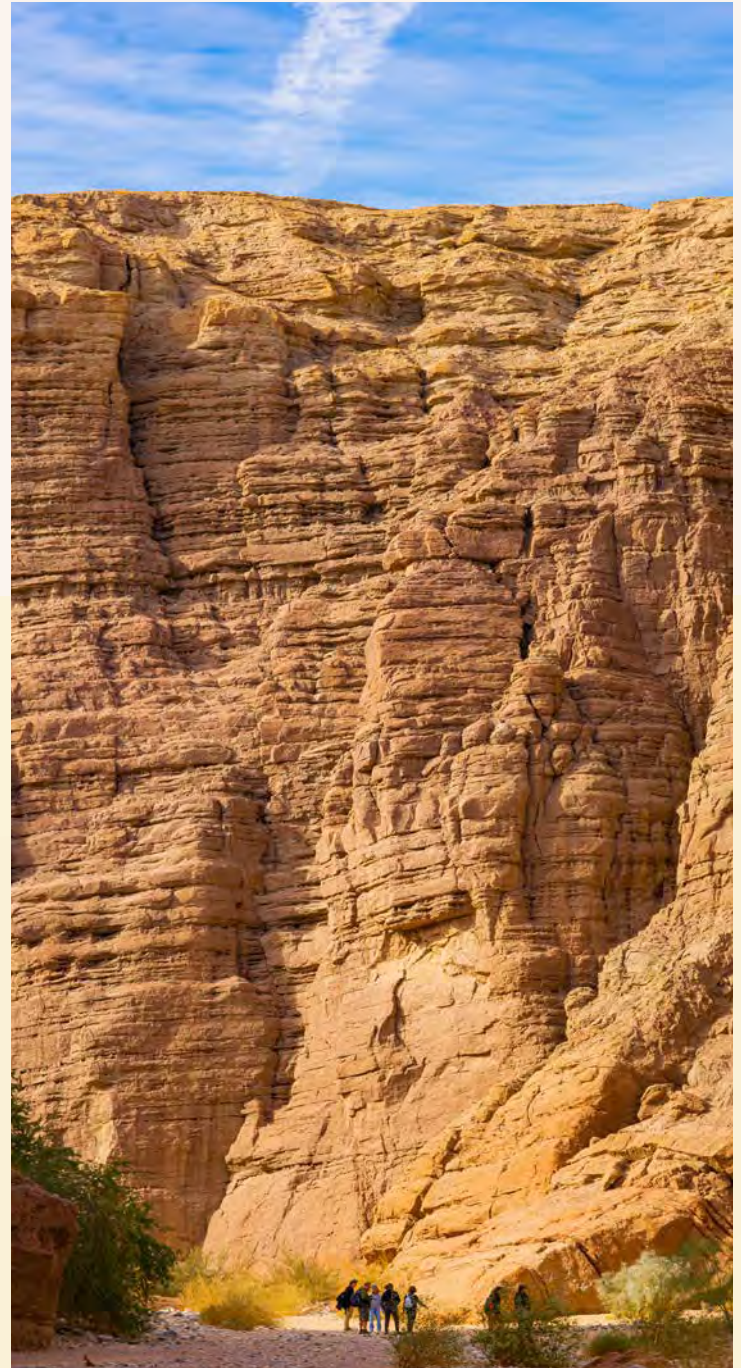
In California, the BLM has a strong history of meeting the nation's growing renewable energy needs and often sets the standard for sustainable development, while ensuring our natural, recreational, historical and cultural resources will be available for future generations.

BLM California 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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Mecca Hills Wilderness, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office

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**6.1 Million** Visits by campers and hikers



**1,759** Miles of designated trails including 696 miles of nationally designated trails



**25,192** Miles of off-highway vehicle routes



**1.7 Million** Visitors participate in educational and interpretive programs



**109** Tribal Nations in California engaged through BLM programs and partnerships



**7,940** Wildfires fought on public lands in California



**6 Million** Acres of permitted livestock grazing



**\$113.7 Million** Rent and royalties reinvested from energy production



**8.4 Million** Barrels of oil and 6 billion cubic feet of natural gas produced



**\$22 Million** Invested in renovations and repairs from the Great American Outdoors Act



**\$8 Million** Invested in restoration from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



**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.

Photo: Punta Gorda Lighthouse, Arcata Field Office





Point Arena-Stornetta Unit, Ukiah Field Office



North Fork American River, Mother Lode Field Office

# National Conservation Lands

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

# Recreation Access

Public lands in California offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including 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
- 5.9 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
- 617 recreation sites and areas
- 116 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers





McCain Valley, El Centro Field Office



Swasey Recreation Area, Redding Field Office

# Responsible Energy Development

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

- 78 authorized solar, wind and geothermal facilities
- +9,000 megawatts of electricity
- +\$18.3 million revenue from renewable energy sites
- Enough energy to power 2.8 million homes

# Wildfire & Fuels Management

The BLM fire program carries out a broad range of actions to protect communities, recreation areas, wildlife habitat and other resources. In California, the changing climate, coupled with historic drought and an abundance of hazardous fuels have led to an increased fire risk.

- 13.6 million acres directly protected by the BLM in California and northwestern Nevada
- 350 fire staff employed in various positions, including suppression, fire prevention and fuels reduction programs

The BLM fuels treatment programs are focused on restoring landscapes through collaborative, locally led, incentive-based practices that create jobs and reduce the catastrophic wildfire threat.

- 39,400 acres of fuels treatments





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