Proposed Public Lands Rule

Protecting, Restoring, Making Wise Management Decisions

The proposed Public Lands Rule would establish a framework to ensure healthy landscapes, abundant wildlife habitat, clean water, and balanced decision-making on our nation's public lands. It will ensure public lands and the resources they provide are available for future generations.

The Three Main Components of the Proposed Public Lands Rule

Protect the most intact, healthiest landscapes

Protect Intact Landscapes

Manage landscapes for wildlife habitat and clean water.

Designate Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

Use this existing tool to protect and manage important landscapes for natural, cultural, scientific, and other values.

Use Conservation Leasing

Allow this tool for two uses: restoration and mitigation. Partners like conservation districts and sporting groups could lease public lands to make investments in restoration. Conservation leases could also be used to balance the impacts of development elsewhere.

Restore landscapes back to health

Restoration

Identify priority landscapes, develop restoration plans, and put people to work restoring America's public lands.

Mitigation

When permitting development, avoid damaging lands, reduce damage where possible, and direct companies to offset damage when necessary.

Ensure wise decision making, based on science and data

Make management decisions informed by the health of lands and waters using science and data.

Expand land health assessments beyond the grazing program to all BLM-managed public lands.

Ensure science drives decision making, by incorporating assessment, inventory, and monitoring information.

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