



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

# California Public Lands

National System of Public Lands

BLM California  
**PRIORITIES**

**2025**  
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# 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.

In California, the BLM has a strong history of meeting the nation's growing 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



King Range National Conservation Area



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Cover Photo: Amargosa Wild and Scenic River

**\$91.2 Million**

Rent and royalties reinvested  
from energy production

**\$634.6 Million**  
Nonenergy minerals

**6.1 Million**  
Acres of permitted  
livestock grazing



**2025**

**CALIFORNIA**

# **PUBLIC LANDS FACTS**

**47,500**  
Acres of fuels  
treatments



**3.9 Million**  
Homes powered



**72,000**  
Volunteer hours  
dedicated to public  
lands



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



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



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



**13.5 Million**  
Visitors

## **Our Mission**

The Bureau of Land Management's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

To do this, we manage public lands to maximize opportunities for commercial, recreational, and conservation activities. This promotes healthy and productive public lands that create jobs in local communities while supporting traditional land uses such as energy development, timber harvesting, grazing, and recreation, including hunting and fishing.





Bakersfield Field Office Oil Derrick

## Energy Development

BLM-managed public lands play a vital role in the nation's renewable and nonrenewable energy production efforts. The BLM California oversees extensive programs that focus on oil and gas production and alternative energy, contributing significantly to America's energy goals and supporting a diverse energy portfolio.

- 487 oil and gas leases
- 12,320 active oil and gas wells
- 8 million barrels of oil and 7.4 million cubic feet of natural gas produced
- 78 authorized solar, wind and geothermal facilities
- 10,000 megawatts of electricity



Prescribed fire near Sacramento River Bend Area

## Wildfire and 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, significant weather events and an abundance of hazardous fuels continue to lead to increased fire risk. The BLM fuel treatment initiative builds wildfire resilience by decreasing the amount of flammable material on the landscape.

- 13.6 million acres directly protected by the BLM in California and northwestern Nevada
- 330 fire staff employed in various positions, including suppression, fire prevention and fuels reduction programs
- 26 wildland fire engines, 3 hand crews, 2 helicopters, 1 dozer and 2 water tenders



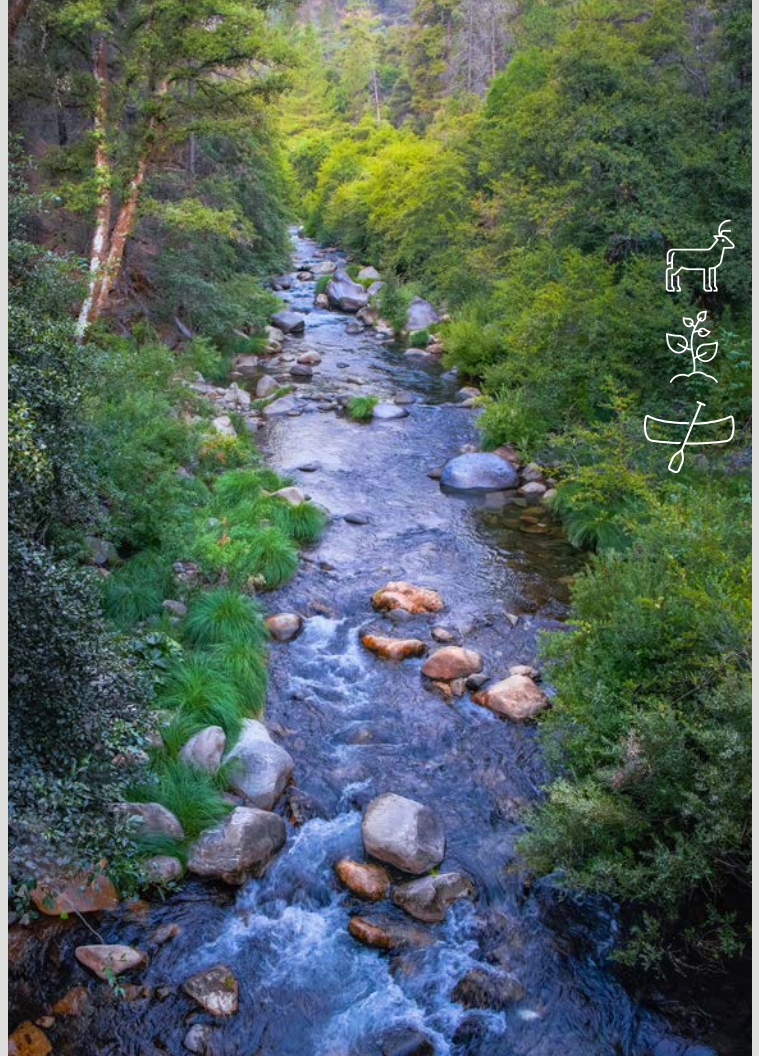


Johnson Valley OHV Area

## 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.

- \$1.6 billion economic output
- 735,000 acres open for OHV use, including the world-renowned Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area
- 5.7 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
- 630 recreation sites and areas
- 116 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers



Slug Gulch - Middle Fork of Cosumnes River

## Conservation Stewardship

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.

- 10 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 4 National Historic Trails, 1 National Scenic Trail
- 8 National Monuments, 1 National Conservation Area, 1 National Scenic Area, 1 Outstanding Natural Area, 1 Forest Reserve
- 92 Wilderness Areas, 68 Wilderness Study Areas
- 2.8 million acres of sagebrush





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- BLM Designations**
  - Wilderness
  - Off-Highway Vehicle Area
  - Conservation Lands of the CA Desert National Monument
  - National Conservation Area
  - Outstanding Natural Area
  - California Coastal National Monument
  - California Desert Conservation Area
  - Wild and Scenic River

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