

Bureau of Land Management's Grazing Program

Lands available for grazing

245 million
acres of BLM-managed
public lands

155 million
acres authorized
for grazing

There is no cattle
grazing in Alaska,
where the BLM
manages 72 million acres.

21,000
allotments

Fun fact:

The BLM has 36
grazing permits
for bison

and 15
for reindeer!

Permits



18,000
permits and leases



12
million
animal unit months (AUMs)

1 AUM = 1 month of forage for
 or
or
or

The number of livestock permitted does not equal the number of livestock actually grazing on BLM public lands each year because, for example, the same livestock may be permitted for more than one allotment or some allotments may not be used. Also, some allotments will only be used for a limited number of months.

- TAYLOR GRAZING ACT OF 1934
- NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969
- ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973
- FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976
- PUBLIC RANGELANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1978

10
year
grazing permit
 terms and
conditions for
healthy rangelands

If permittees meet the terms and conditions over the 10-year period, the BLM will renew the permit.

\$2.2
billion
total economic
output

**Economic
Contributions**

39,000
total jobs

\$600
million
total labor income



Fees



Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978

contains the formula used to determine the grazing fee

\$2.11 for 2016
per AUM

Grazing Fee Receipts
\$12.1 million

U.S. Treasury



Range Improvements

Counties



Program Funding

BLM Budget for Rangeland Management Program: \$79.9 million (fiscal year 2014)

43%
BLM grazing program

57%

- weed management
- rangeland monitoring
- planning
- water development
- vegetation restoration
- wildlife habitat protection

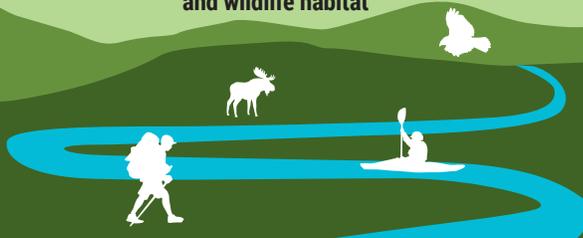
Well-Managed, Healthy Rangelands

Provide meat and fiber



Support national economies

Support healthy watersheds, carbon sequestration, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat



Support rural economies



Preserve open spaces

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