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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, while providing important economic benefits to California and the nation.

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

In California, the BLM oversees:

- 15 million acres of public land (about 15% of the Golden State's total land mass)
- 47 million acres of subsurface mineral estate
- 1.6 million acres of public land in northwestern Nevada

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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.



2.3 Million

Visitors participate in educational and interpretive programming



1,735

Miles of nationally designated trails on public lands



6.1 Million

Acres of permitted livestock grazing on public lands



7.741 Million

Barrels of oil and 10.13 billion cubic feet of natural gas produced on public lands



25,192

Miles of off-highway vehicle routes on public lands



159,495

Acres affected by wildfire on BLM public lands in California



120

Miles of wild and scenic rivers



3.5 Million

Visits by campers and hikers on public lands



\$75.4 Million

Rent & royalties reinvested from energy production on public lands



\$7.65 Million

Revenue from solar, wind & geothermal sites on public lands

Sustainable Energy Development

BLM-managed public lands make significant contributions to the nation's energy goals. In addition to oil and gas leasing, BLM California manages an extensive renewable energy program, including geothermal, wind and solar energy.

- 510 oil and gas leases covering approximately 187,000 acres of public lands
- 6,800 active producing oil and gas wells
- 40 authorized wind, solar and geothermal facilities



Recreation Access

Public lands in California offer a variety of recreational opportunities; 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
- 14 million acres open to hunting
- 350 miles of river open to fishing
- 189 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail
- 542 Recreation sites and areas
- More than 430,000 visitors participate in rockhounding



Wildfire Management

The BLM fire program carries out a broad range of actions to protect communities, recreation areas, wildlife habitat and other resources. In California, years of severe drought are leading to historic levels of tree die-off, which contributes to an increased fire risk.

The BLM is a member of the California Forest Management Task Force and is committed to interagency coordination and partnership.

- 16.3 million acres directly protected by the BLM in California and northwestern Nevada
- 7,985 wildfires fought in California
- Employ over 300 fire staff in the state for various positions, including suppression, preparedness and fuels programs



Conservation Stewardship

BLM's National Conservation Lands recognize and protect some of the West's most spectacular natural and historical areas. Overall, BLM California manages more than 9 million acres of National Conservation Lands.

- 12 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





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