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Hi Sally,

Please see attached!

Best,  
-Ilana

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### What are National Monuments and NCAs?

- National Conservation Lands include about 9.5 million acres of National Monuments in 27 units and 4.1 million acres of National Conservation Areas (NCAs) and similar designations in 21 units. National Monuments and NCAs account for about 5% of BLM's total acreage.
- National Monuments are established by Congressional legislation or presidential proclamation under the Antiquities Act of 1906. They protect objects of historic or scientific interest on public lands and encompass lands of tremendous beauty and diversity, ranging from the rugged California coastline to colorful desert canyons.
- NCAs and similar designations are designated by Congress to conserve, protect, and enhance public lands featuring exceptional scientific, cultural, ecological, historical, and recreational resources and values. National Monuments and NCAs are managed to protect the objects and values identified in their designating language.
- While other agencies including the National Park Service, Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also manage National Monuments, National Conservation Areas exist only on BLM-managed public lands.
- BLM National Monuments and NCAs are open to a variety of recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, rafting, and camping. Some units host over one million visitors per year.



King Range NCA, California

### 21 NCAs and Similar Designations: 4,113,092 acres

State	Unit	BLM Acres
Alaska	Steese NCA	1,208,624
Arizona	Gila Box Riparian NCA	21,767
	Las Cienegas NCA	41,972
	San Pedro Riparian NCA	56,431
	Headwaters Forest Reserve	7,472
California	King Range NCA	62,562
	Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station ONA	20
	Dominguez-Escalante NCA	210,149
Colorado	Gunnison Gorge NCA	63,201
	McInnis Canyons NCA	123,460
ES	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA	86
Idaho	Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey	483,700
Nevada	Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon	799,485
	Red Rock Canyon NCA	196,877
	Sloan Canyon NCA	48,438
New Mexico	El Malpais NCA	227,100
	Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave NCA	24,876
Oregon	Steens Mountain CMPA	428,440
	Yaquina Head ONA	95
Utah	Beaver Dam Wash NCA	63,478
	Red Cliffs NCA	44,859

### 27 National Monuments: 9,451,978 acres

State	Unit	BLM Acres
Arizona	Agua Fria	70,980
	Grand Canyon-Parashant	812,581
	Ironwood Forest	128,756
	Sonoran Desert	486,400
	Vermilion Cliffs	279,566
California	Berryessa Snow Mountain	110,000
	California Coastal	8,858
	Carrizo Plain	211,045
	Fort Ord	7,212
	Mojave Trails	1,600,000
	Sand to Snow	83,000
	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains	98,981
	Browns Canyon	9,793
Colorado	Canyons of the Ancients	176,000
Idaho	Craters of the Moon	275,076
Montana	Pompeys Pillar	51
	Upper Missouri River Breaks	377,346
	Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks	4,647
New Mexico	Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks	419,532
	Prehistoric Trackways	5,280
	Rio Grande del Norte	242,710
Nevada	Basin and Range	703,585
	Gold Butte	296,937
Oregon	Cascade-Siskiyou	113,341
Utah	Bears Ears	1,063,000
	Grand Staircase-Escalante	1,866,331
	San Juan Islands	970