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You got it, thanks! I bumped up the recreation section for this week. Also, I will add DOI's news release from today, "Interior Announces \$13.3 Million for Improvements to Local Parks and Recreation in 22 Cities".

As a heads up, our next issue is scheduled for Thursday, August 24 so hopefully there will be a great post-Eclipse story then too. Appreciate the review, Sam

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On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 12:47 PM, Allen, Matthew <mrallen@blm.gov> wrote:

Samantha,
This looks great! As always.

One thought for consideration, not required, but do we want to bump up the eclipse story or wait until we're a bit closer to the event?

Thanks for your great work on this.
-Matthew

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:37 PM, Storms, Samantha <ssstorms@blm.gov> wrote:

Matthew/ Jeff,
Below is the national newsletter proof for this week. I am planning to distribute on Thursday morning, please let me know if you have any edits.

Thanks, Sam

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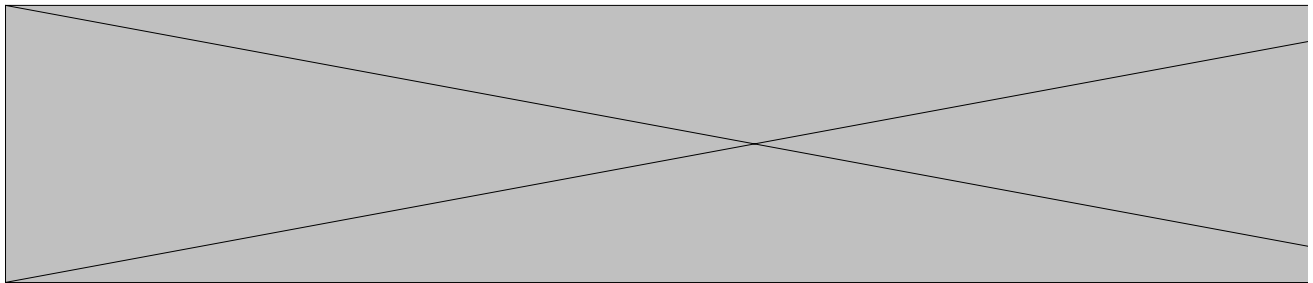
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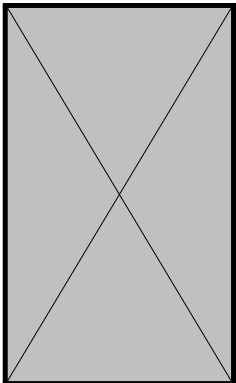


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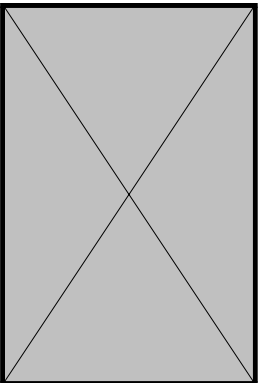
Made In America: 12 things brought to you by the Interior Department



On March 3, 1849, the Department of the Interior was created to take the nation's internal affairs. Interior's diverse mission -- which include America's vast natural and cultural resources, honoring our tribal people supplying the nation with energy -- has earned it the nickname "The I Everything Else." Nearly 170 years since it was established, Interior provide invaluable services to the country. From mapping data used to new technologies, Interior is developing innovations, programs and that are Made in America and serve the public. ([DOI blog](#))

Related: "Made in America: Promoting the All-American Outdoor Experience" ([White House News Release](#))

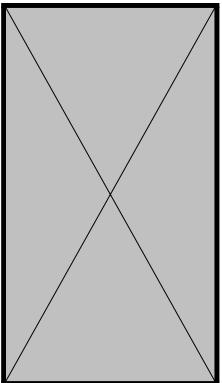
Made on You Public Lands



Many types of non-energy minerals, including sand, gravel, dirt, and essential for everyday construction uses and contribute to American The BLM issued new contract sales and use permits for nearly 20 million yards of such mineral materials in 2015, with a combined value of nearly \$1 billion. ([BLM National Facebook](#))

Related: Movies made on public lands ([BLM National Facebook](#))

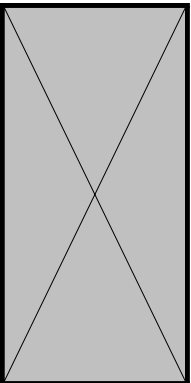
Related: Public lands keep your lights on ([BLM National Facebook](#))



Video: Newberry Geothermal Project

Did you know, the Newberry Geothermal project has the potential to create 1,000 new jobs in south Deschutes County? When completed this project will have a large economic footprint and benefit to the local area. ([BLM Oregon](#))

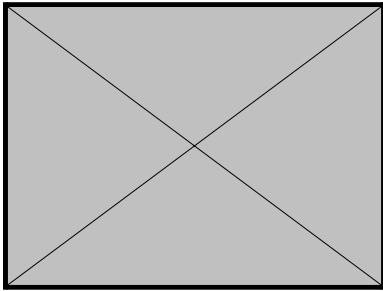
Ever wonder why Alaska is just so different?



Well it's not just the latitude, or size, or wildlife, or that 800-mile oil pipeline that was different from the start. The land that later became our state was settled in the Last Frontier for military postings or seeking gold and new adventures, or the promise of a new life. After awhile, people wanted to settle a territory to a state. Alaska became the 49th state in 1959 and the Statehood Act, the federal government gave the infant State of Alaska 100 million acres of federal land to get the State going and start a local economy. ([BLM Alaska Facebook](#))

RECREATION

2017 Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Tips



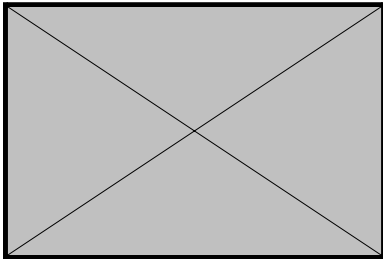
On Monday, August 21, 2017, millions of people across the United States will be able to see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights -- a total solar eclipse. To maximize the viewing experience, open spaces and low light pollution, public lands managed by Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon are the perfect place for this rare event. ([DOI blog](#))

Related: Watch Solar Eclipse on Your Public Lands ([BLM website](#))

Related: Idaho's Solar Eclipse: Camping in the Path of Totality ([Visit](#)

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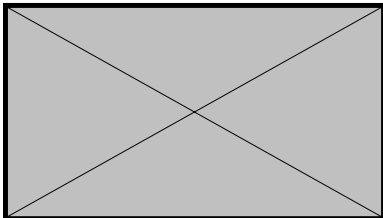
Find Your Adventure



The Bureau of Land Management invites you to explore many of the adventures available on your public lands. We want to remind you to always be safe outdoors and make sure you prepare for whatever adventure you choose. Many of the recreational opportunities on BLM-managed public lands are often remote and rural, offering unparalleled connections to the American outdoors. ([My Public Lands](#))

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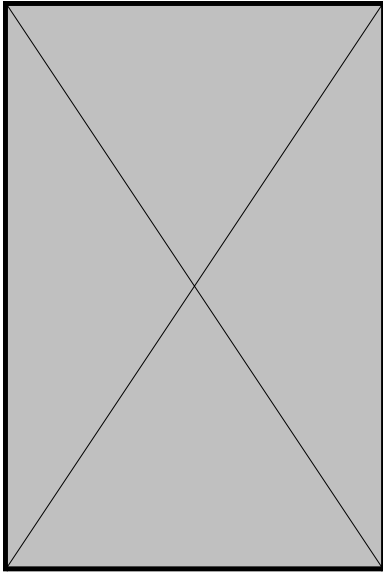
Video: Colorado's Alpine Loop



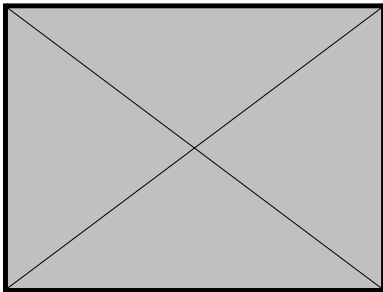
Located northeast of Silverton, Colorado in San Juan and Hinsdale Counties, the Alpine Loop Back Country Byway is a premiere visitor destination. The Loop draws off-highway-vehicle enthusiasts from across the country and is treated with a network of roads that climb above timberline, accessing spectacular vistas in alpine environment. There are also fantastic hiking, biking and hunting opportunities. Scattered along the Alpine Loop are remnants of our rich mining history, where visitors can learn about the bustling mining towns that once thrived here. ([BLM Colorado Facebook](#))

Out of this World: New Mexico's Bisti Badlands

Like the set scenery for a science-fiction movie that takes place on a distant planet, the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness, most commonly referred to as the Bisti



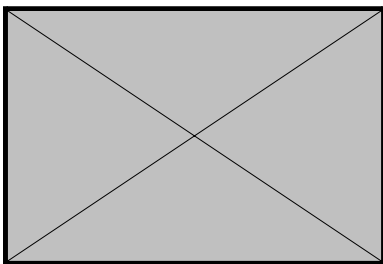
is home to phantasmagoric formations that have been weathered by water over time. ([My Public Lands Tumblr](#))



Volunteers help BLM Celebrate National Trails Day

For Mel Langdon, volunteering at the BLM Campbell Tract on National Trails Day is about paying it forward. “I raised some kids and they came out here to help,” said Langdon. “I appreciate all the facilities that are here. So this is paying it forward that and for the next kids coming up.” Langdon was one of about 30 volunteers who came to help build and repair fences, plant trees, improve access to the trail, and weed and replant the gardens at the BLM Campbell Tract on National Trails Day. ([BLM Alaska Facebook](#))

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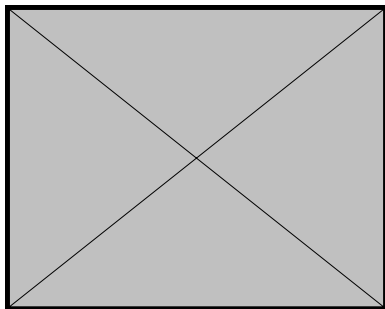


Utah Girl Scouts Earn a Respect and Protect Patch

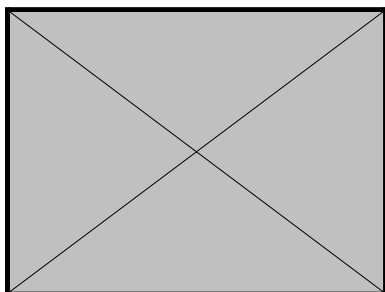
This month, thirty Girl Scouts from four troops across Utah earned their archaeology “Respect and Protect” patches at the Project Archaeology Camp in Utah’s scenic Professor Valley. Project Archaeology is a BLM program that teaches students and teachers about America’s rich cultural heritage. ([My Public Lands Tumblr](#))

Record of the Day via BLM Eastern States

The General Land Office provides live access to scanned images of eleven million federal land records dating back to 1785. These records are source title documents for all lands in the US Public Land Survey System.

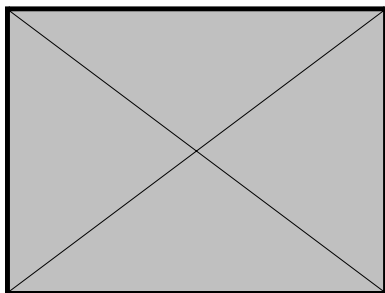


In this role they support all commercial, recreational and conservation private and public lands in the PLSS states. ([BLM Eastern States we](#)



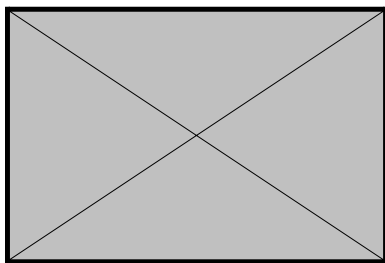
RAP Camp Students Have Fun Learning about Forest Natural Resource Careers

For Grant Union High School student Chee Cha, Resources and Pec Camp did more than teach her about the many career opportunities in natural resource management—it also taught her how to challenge herself. Approximately 30 high-school-aged students from northern and central Oregon, one student from southern Oregon, and one high school graduate from California attended the 26th annual RAP Camp from June 11 to 17, at Lake of the Lost, approximately 40 miles from Medford and Klamath Falls, Oregon. ([BLM California Facebook](#))



Making a Traditional Pit River Summer House

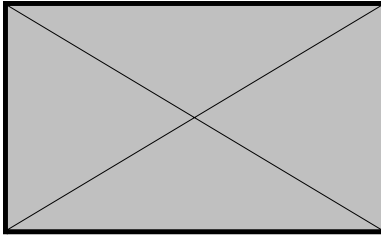
BLM California, with considerable contributions from the Pit River Tri National Wildlife Refuge and Modoc National Forest, successfully built a Pit River summer house. The experience taught school children and archaeologists alike valuable lessons including a traditional technology. It truly takes a community to build a tule house. ([BLM California Facebook](#))



Video: Protecting Native American Ruins

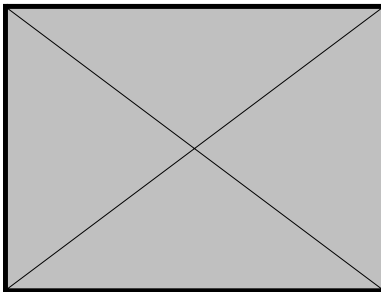
Cultural resources are a fragile, limited resource with potential public uses. They are an irreplaceable part of our Nation's heritage. Managing cultural resources on the public lands is primarily determined by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). Consistent with FLPMA, the BLM follows the same multiple use principles and the same planning and management processes that are followed in managing other resources on public lands. ([BLM Oregon Facebook](#))

HEADLINES AND HIGHLIGHTS



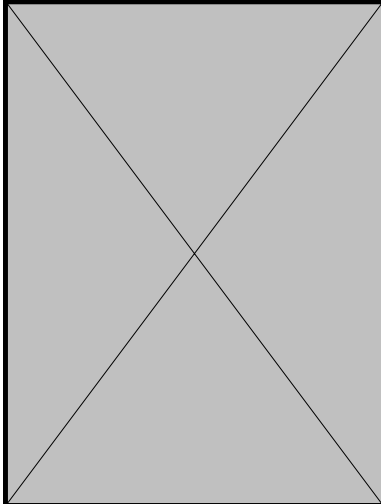
8 Things You Didn't Know About the Bureau of Land Management

One of nine bureaus under the Interior Department, the Bureau of Land Management's roots go back to America's founding. BLM was established in 1946, when the General Land Office and the U.S. Grazing Service merged. More than 70 years later, it remains a small agency with a big job: managing public lands for multiple-uses like recreation and natural resource development for the benefit of present and future generations. ([DOI BLM](#))



Video: Endangered Pygmy Rabbits Rescued from Central Washington Wildfire

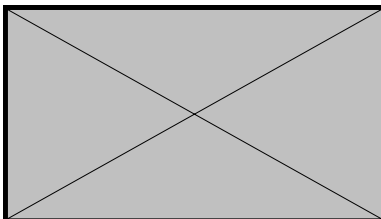
Dozens of pygmy rabbits were saved thanks to the quick teamwork of the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists and BLM firefighters, after Sutherland Canyon Fire swept across a state-managed breeding ground last month. ([BLM Oregon Facebook](#))



Saving an Eagle's Life

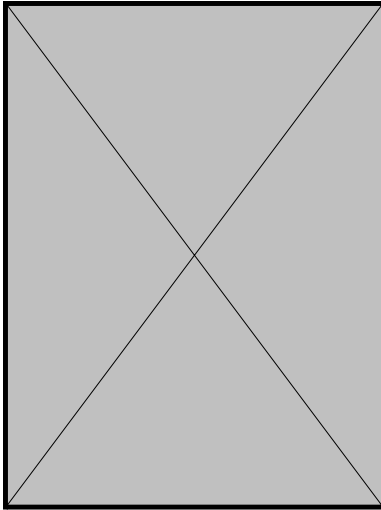
In late June, BLM Ranger Mike Thompson and Utah Canyon Outdoors guide Caitlin Clery rescued a young male eagle from the depths of a slot canyon in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The eagle was originally found during a Utah Canyon Outdoors guided hike, and appeared to be in need of rescuing. ([BLM Utah Facebook](#))

Related: Eagle rescued from Slot Canyon ([Southwest Wildlife Foundation YouTube](#))



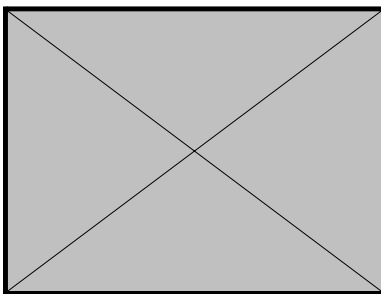
Murphy Complex - Ten Years Later

This week marks 10 years since the start of the Murphy Complex Fire. The 653,000-acre fire was the biggest in Idaho since 1910. It destroyed a variety of plants, property and resources in Idaho and Nevada. This is the story of the Murphy fire, the people who lived through it and BLM's effort to help communities recover from it. ([BLM Idaho Facebook](#))



National Interagency Fire Center Welcomes New Smokejumpers

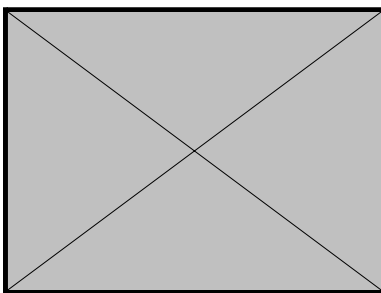
The Boise BLM smokejumper base at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIC) has welcomed three new female smokejumpers. Jessica Crump, Martha Schoppe and Kaitlyn Smith are all new smokejumpers at Boise who are ready for the next step in their firefighting careers. Of the 80 smokejumpers at the Boise base, these three comprise the only females. ([My Public Lands Tumblr](#))



Federal, State Officials Chart Next Steps in Sage-grouse Conservation

The Bureau of Land Management and states with sage-grouse habitat are currently drafting a report responding to Secretarial Order 3353, Greater Sage-grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States, signed in June by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to support partnerships in maintaining sage-grouse populations. Federal and state resource managers met for two days in Denver to identify opportunities for incorporating the expertise of federal and state employees in the field as well as proven state and local approaches to sage-grouse ground management. ([BLM News Release](#))

WILDLIFE QUESTION OF THE WEEK



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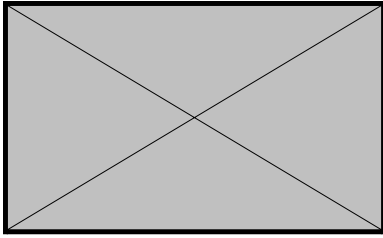
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has ravaged bat populations in many parts

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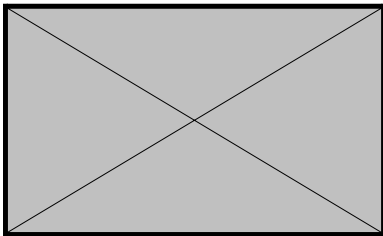
DOI HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary Zinke Announces 76 Million Acres Offered in Mexico Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that the Department will offer 75.9 million acres offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development. The region-wide auction scheduled for August 16, 2017 would include all available unleased acreage in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and provide a reduced royalty rate for water leases to encourage exploration and production under current lease conditions. ([DOI News Release](#))

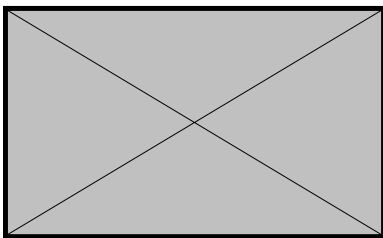
Secretary Ryan Zinke Appoints Veteran Interior Official Todd Willens as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the appointment of Interior Department official and former Chief of Staff to Rep. Steve Pearce, Todd Willens as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior. In this role, Willens will work closely with yet-to-be-confirmed Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt. Willens brings with him more than 20 years of public policy and governmental experience, with proven successes on behalf of prior Administrations, the U.S. Congress, national associations, and the private sector. He possesses extensive knowledge and understanding of the Department's many complex portfolios, from land to energy, wildlife, and water management. ([DOI News Release](#))

Related: Interior Welcomes Seven New Hires ([DOI News Release](#))

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Statement on the End of the National Monuments Review Public Comment Period

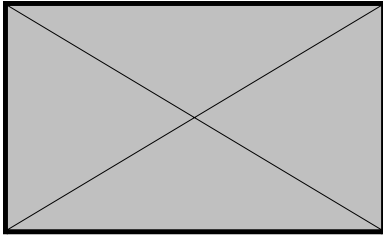


On Monday, July 10, the formal public comment period closed for the review of national monuments. More than 1.2 million comments were received on Regulations.gov and thousands more were received via traditional mail. The review focused on seven national monuments designated since January 1, 1996 that are larger than 100,000 acres, or that were considered to have inadequate public input for review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017 executive order. ([DOI News Release](#))

Related: Secretary Zinke Announces Recommendation on Idaho's Clear Fork Snake River and Washington's Hanford Reach National Monuments ([DOI News Release](#))

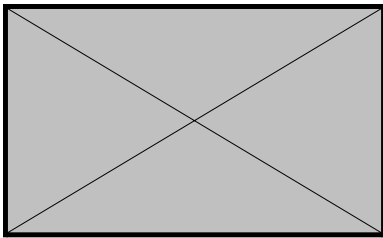
Secretary Zinke Announces Nearly \$32 Million in Boating and Recreation Grants

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced nearly \$32 million in grants for boating and recreation projects across the country.



and boating-related grants that will benefit boating recreation and tourism by improving boating infrastructure, keeping water clean for anglers, and preserving maritime heritage and inland waterways. Secretary Zinke made the announcement at the Yorktown Historic Freight Shed Lawn at the Riverwalk Landing in Yorktown, Virginia, which was joined by local Congressman Scott Taylor. ([DOI News Release](#))

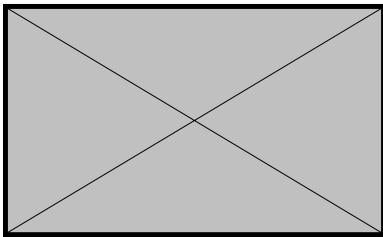
Zinke Signs Secretarial Order To Streamline Process For Onshore Oil And Gas Leasing Permits



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed a secretarial order to streamline the permitting process on federal lands, to identify solutions to improve the permitting process on federal lands, and to identify solutions to improve access to parcels of federal land that are appropriate for mineral development. On March 31, 2017, the Bureau of Land Management had 2,802 Applications for Drilling pending. ([DOI News Release](#))

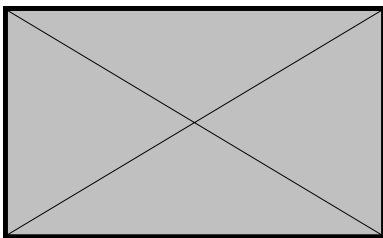
Related: Interior's Role in American Energy Dominance ([DOI video](#))

Department of the Interior Awards \$6.9 Million to 17 Projects for Drought Preparation

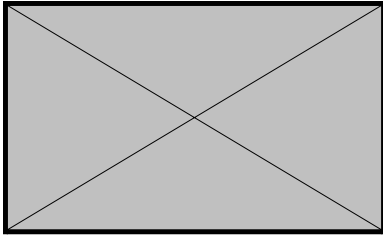


Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that the Bureau of Reclamation is awarding 17 projects in California, Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma and Utah a total of \$6.9 million to proactively prepare for and address drought in rural communities. The federal funding will be leveraged to support more than \$10 million for the development of drought contingency plans and implement drought resiliency projects. ([DOI News Release](#))

Secretary Zinke, Senators, and Local Officials Announce Communities to Receive Record \$465 Million in PILT

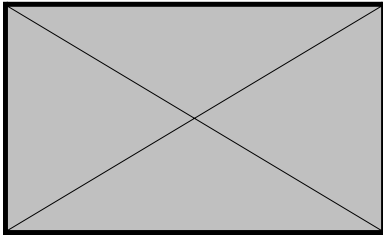


While meeting with local, state and federal officials in Nevada, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that more than 1,900 local governments across the country will receive \$464.6 million in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for 2017. Nevada has more federally-owned land than any other state as a percentage) and will receive \$26,184,790. This year's \$464.6 million amount is the highest ever allocated in the program's 40-year history. This funding continues to underscore the Trump Administration's commitment to rural communities. ([DOI News Release](#))



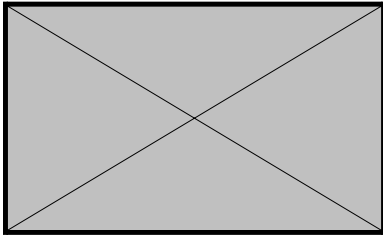
Secretary Zinke Announces Initiatives to Protect Western Ecosystems and Hydroelectric Facilities from Invasive Species

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke praised a package of action initiatives developed through collaboration with western governors and state and Tribal agencies to protect areas in the West from the economic and ecological threats posed by invasive mussels. ([DOI News Release](#))



Secretary Zinke Announces Recovery and Delisting of Yellowstone Grizzly Bear

Due to the success of conservation efforts and collaboration among many stakeholders, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that the Yellowstone population of the grizzly bear has been recovered to the point where federal protections can be removed and overall management can be turned over to the states and tribes. The population has rebounded from as few as 10 in 1975 to an estimated 700 today and meets all the criteria for delisting. ([Release](#))



Interior Announces Regulatory Reform Initiative to Make Government Work for America

The Department of the Interior announced an initiative to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. This initiative implements the vision set out by President Trump in Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda." This initiative is part of a government-wide effort to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American public. ([Release](#))

WILDLIFE QUESTION OF THE WEEK ANSWER

White-nose syndrome has ravaged bat populations in many parts of this nation. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced over \$1 million in grants to 37 states and the District of Columbia to help combat white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has killed millions of North American bats in recent years. Funds will be used to find ways to prevent the spread of WNS while increasing survival rates of afflicted species. ([USFWS Release](#))

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