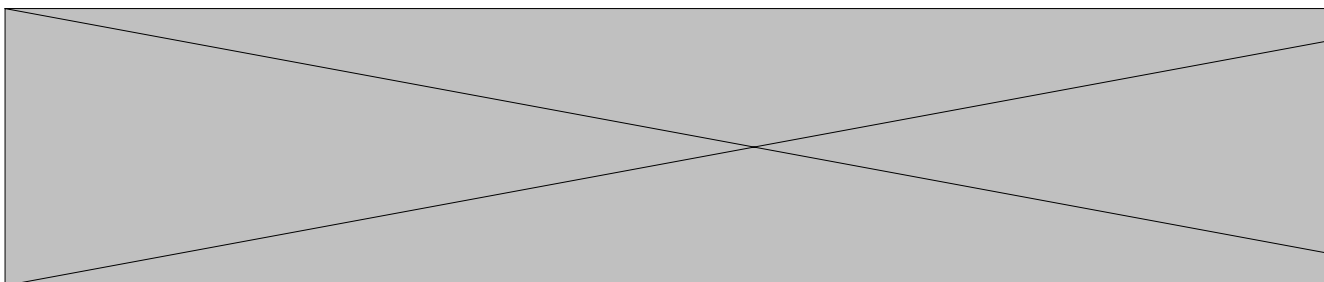


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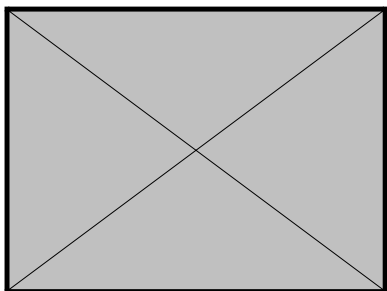


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## RECREATION

### 2017 Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Tips



On Monday, August 21, 2017, millions of people across the United States will see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights -- a total solar eclipse. Viewing the eclipse in 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](#))

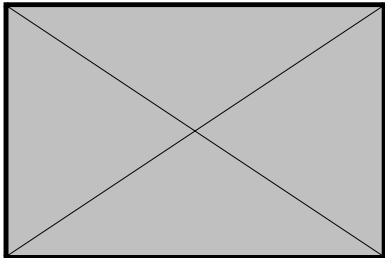
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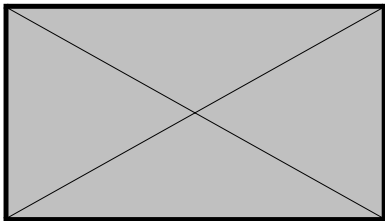
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## Find Your Adventure

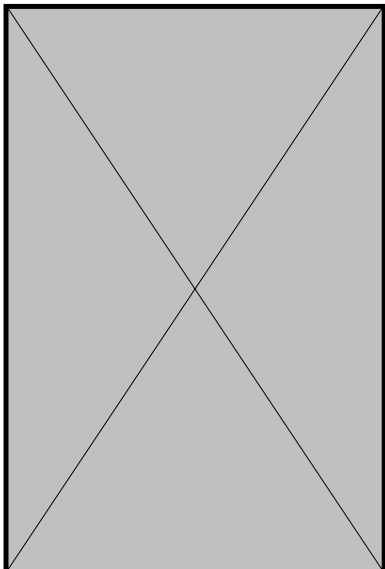
The Bureau of Land Management invites you to explore many of the h on your public lands. We want to remind you to always be safe outdoc sure you prepare for whatever adventure you choose. Many of the rec opportunities on BLM-managed public lands are often remote and rug unparalleled connections to the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

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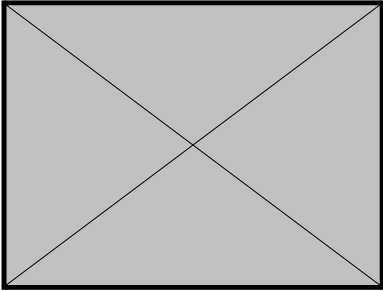
## Video: Colorado's Alpine Loop

Located northeast of Silverton, Colorado in San Juan and Hinsdale Co Alpine Loop Back Country Byway is a premiere visitor destination. The draws off-highway-vehicle enthusiasts from across the country who ar a network of roads that climb above timberline, accessing unparallelec alpine environment. There are also fantastic hiking, biking and campin opportunities. Scattered along the Alpine Loop are remnants of our na history, where visitors can learn about the bustling mining towns that c 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 an the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness, most commonly referred to as the Bis home to phantasmagoric formations that have been weathered by win over time. ([My Public Lands Tumblr](#))

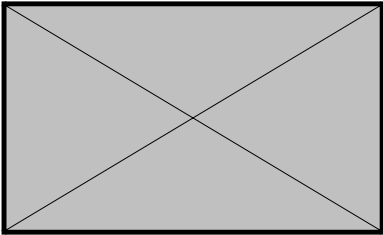


## Volunteers help BLM Celebrate National Trails Day

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

## COMMERCIAL

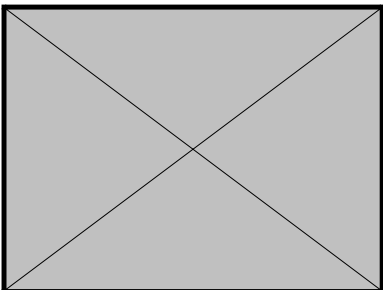
## Made In America: 12 things brought to you by the Interior Department



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

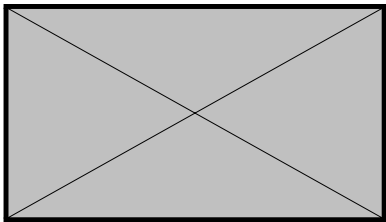
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## Celebrating Your Public Lands during “Made in America” Week

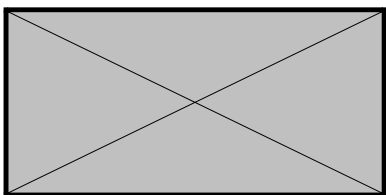
This week, July 17-21, the Bureau of Land Management joins the Department of the Interior in celebrating the Trump Administration’s “Made in America” Week. As the federal agency with responsibility for managing more than 10 percent of the nation’s land and 25 percent of its subsurface minerals, the BLM supports American-made products and services in many ways. ([BLM News Release](#))



### Video: Newberry Geothermal Project

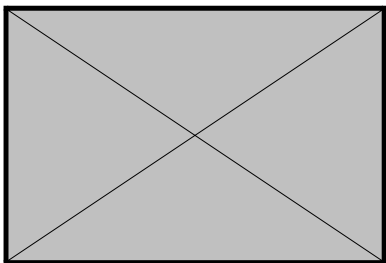
Did you know, the Newberry Geothermal project has the potential to create 1,000 new jobs in south Deschutes County? When completed this project will have a large economic footprint and benefit to the local area. ([BLM Oregon Field Office](#))

### Ever wonder why Alaska is just so different?



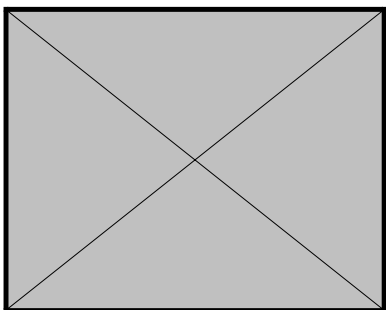
Well it's not just the latitude, or size, or wildlife, or that 800-mile oil pipeline that was different from the start. The land that later became our state was acquired through a land purchase by the federal government as opposed to a treaty. People settled in the Last Frontier for military postings or seeking gold and not for the promise of a new life. After awhile, people wanted to transition from a territory to a state. Alaska became the 49th state in 1959 and as a part of the process, the federal government gave the infant State of Alaska 104 million acres of land to get the State going and start a local economy... ([BLM Alaska Field Office](#))

## CONSERVATION



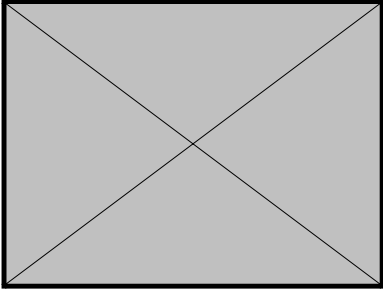
### Utah Girl Scouts Earn a Respect and Protect Patch

This month, thirty Girl Scouts from four troops across Utah earned the "Respect and Protect" patches at the Project Archaeology Girl Scout Council. Utah's scenic Professor Valley. Project Archaeology is BLM's premier program that teaches students and teachers about America's rich cultural heritage. ([Public Lands Tumblr](#))



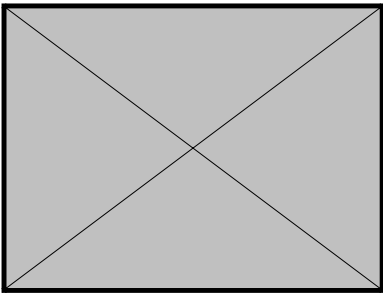
### Record of the Day via BLM Eastern States

The General Land Office provides live access to scanned images of more than eleven million federal land records dating back to 1785. These records are the source title documents for all lands in the US Public Land Survey System. In this role they support all commercial, recreational and conservation uses of private and public lands in the PLSS states. ([BLM Eastern States website](#))



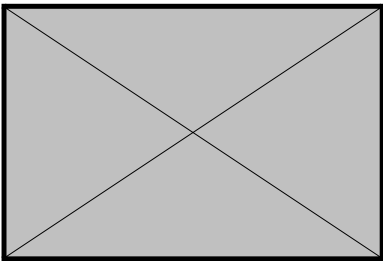
## RAP Camp Students Have Fun Learning about Forestry Natural Resource Careers

For Grant Union High School student Chee Cha, Resources and People 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 in approximately 40 miles from Medford and Klamath Falls, Oregon. ([BLM Oregon Facebook](#))



## Making a Traditional Pit River Summer House

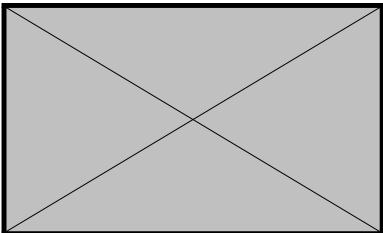
BLM California, with considerable contributions from the Pit River Tribe, Modoc National Wildlife Refuge and Modoc National Forest, successfully built a traditional Pit River summer house. The experience taught school children and adults alike valuable lessons including a traditional technology and that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



## Video: Protecting Native American Ruins

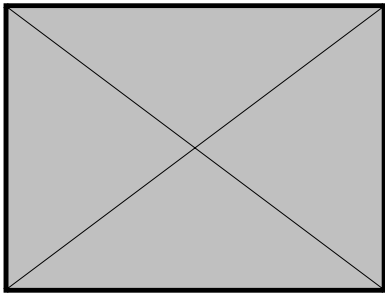
Cultural resources are a fragile, limited resource with potential public uses. They are an irreplaceable part of our Nation's heritage. Managing cultural resources on the public lands is primarily determined by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). Consistent with FLPMA, BLM follows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

## HEADLINES AND HIGHLIGHTS



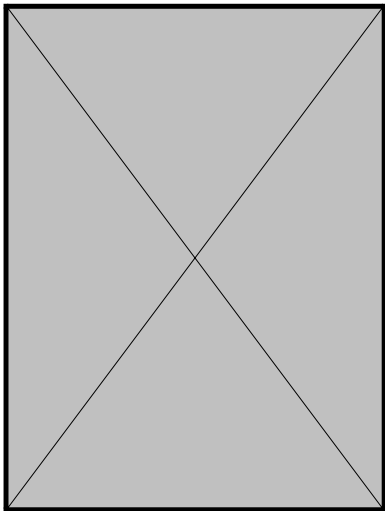
## 8 Things You Didn't Know About the Bureau of Land Management

One of nine bureaus under the Interior Department, the Bureau of Land Management's roots go back to America's founding. BLM was established on September 16, 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 mission: 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

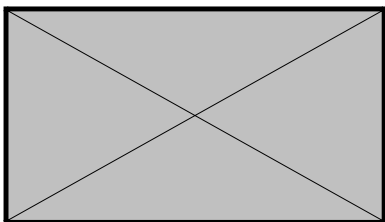
Dozens of pygmy rabbits were saved thanks to the quick teamwork of Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists and BLM firefighters, after the Canyon Fire swept across a state-managed breeding ground late last [Oregon Facebook](#)



## Saving an Eagle's Life

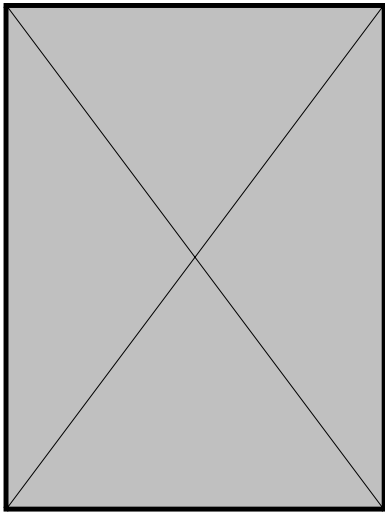
In late June, BLM Ranger Mike Thompson and Utah Canyon Outdoors Caitlin Clery rescued a young male eagle from the depths of a slot canyon in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The eagle was originally found during a Utah Canyon Outdoors guided hike, and appeared to be ending in need of rescuing.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

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



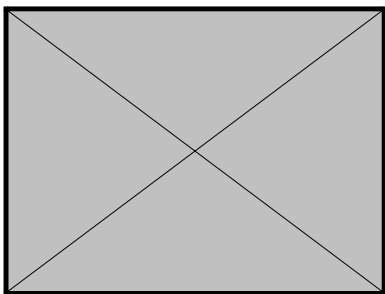
## Murphy Complex - Ten Years Later

This week marks 10 years since the start of the Murphy Complex Fire. The 100,000-acre fire was the biggest in Idaho since 1910. It destroyed animals, plants, and resources in Idaho and Nevada. This is the story of the Murphy fire and who lived through it and BLM's effort to help the land recover from it. ([Facebook](#))



## National Interagency Fire Center Welcomes New Smokejumpers

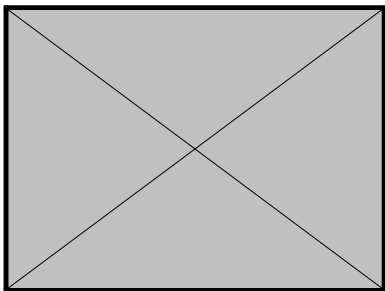
The Boise BLM smokejumper base at the National Interagency Fire Center welcomed three new female smokejumpers. Jessica Crump, Martha Schoppe and Kaitlyn Smith are all new smokejumpers at Boise who are ready for the next step in firefighting careers. Of the 80 smokejumpers at the Boise base, these three 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 the Interior Secretary 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 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



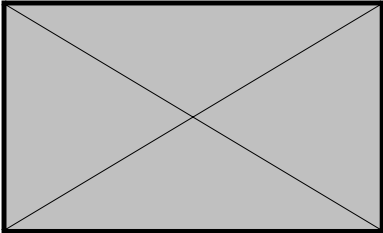
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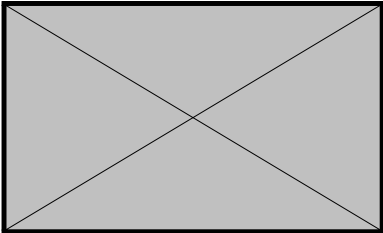
## DOI HIGHLIGHTS

## Interior Announces \$13.3 Million for Improvements to Land and Recreation in 22 Cities



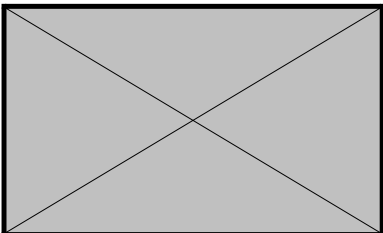
The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service announced \$13.3 million through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program to support projects in 22 cities in 17 states with projects to plan, build, and enhance parks and recreation facilities in underserved communities. These public-private partnerships will leverage \$13.3 million in federal funding with \$21.2 million from local governments, private firms, and non-profit organizations to improve accessibility of parks, create canoe and kayak launches and fishing piers, restore vacant land for park uses, and make other important investments in parks across the country. ([DOI News Release](#))

## Secretary Zinke Announces 76 Million Acres Offered in Gulf of 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 lease sale scheduled for August 16, 2017 would include all available unleased acreage in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and provide a reduced royalty rate for short-term leases to encourage exploration and production under current market conditions. ([DOI News Release](#))

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

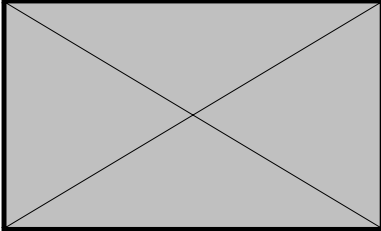


U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the appointment of Interior Department official and former Chief of Staff to Rep. Steve Pearce, Todd Willens as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Interior. In this role, Willens will work closely with yet-to-be-confirmed Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt.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

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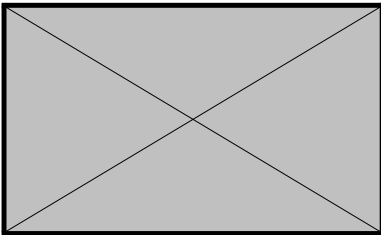
## Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Statement on the End of Monuments Review Public Comment Period



On Monday, July 10, the formal public comment period closed for the national monuments. More than 1.2 million comments were received on Regulations.gov and thousands more were received via traditional mail. The review covered seven national monuments designated since January 1, 1996 that are 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 order. ([DOI News Release](#))

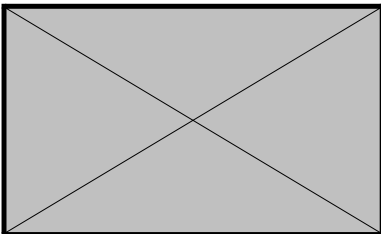
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## Secretary Zinke Announces Nearly \$32 Million in Boating Recreation and Tourism Grants



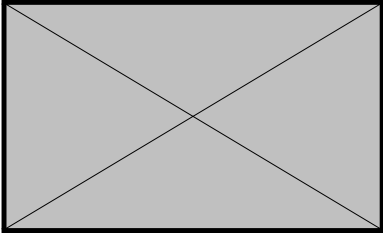
U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced nearly \$32 million in boating and boating-related grants that will benefit boating recreation and tourism by improving boating infrastructure, keeping water clean for anglers, and preserving maritime heritage and inland waterways. Secretary Zinke made the announcement at the Yorktown Historic Freight Shed Lawn at the Riverwalk Landing, joined by local Congressman Scott Taylor. ([DOI News Release](#))

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



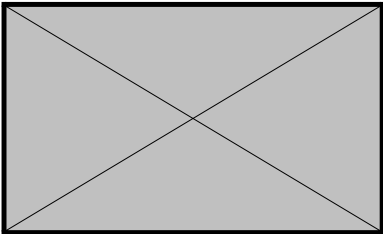
U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed a secretarial order to streamline the permitting process for onshore oil and gas leasing, identify solutions to improve the permit review process on federal lands, and to identify solutions to improve access to additional federal land that are appropriate for mineral development. As of January 1, 2017, the Bureau of Land Management had 2,802 Applications for Permit to Lease. ([DOI News Release](#))

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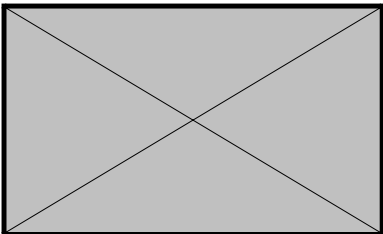
## Department of the Interior Awards \$6.9 Million to 17 Pro Drought Preparation

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



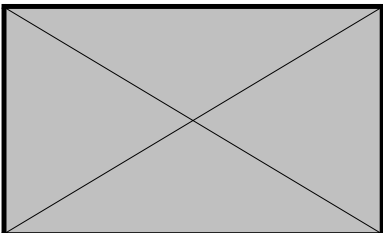
## Secretary Zinke, Senators, and Local Officials Announce Communities to Receive Record \$465 Million in PILT

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 government country will receive \$464.6 million in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT 2017. Nevada has more federally-owned land than any other state (as percentage) and will receive \$26,184,790. This year's \$464.6 million is amount ever allocated in the program's 40-year history. This funding le to underscore the Trump Administration's commitment to rural commu ([News Release](#))



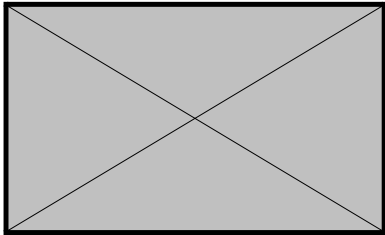
## Secretary Zinke Announces Initiatives to Protect Western Ecosystems and Hydroelectric Facilities from Invasive M

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke praised a package of actions initiatives developed through collaboration with western governors and and Tribal agencies to protect areas in the West from the economic ar 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 a stakeholders, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that the Yellowstone population of the grizzly bear has been recovered to the p federal protections can be removed and overall management can be r states and tribes. The population has rebounded from as few as 136 b to an estimated 700 today and meets all the criteria for delisting. ([DOI 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 and Advancing the Regulatory Reform Agenda." This initiative is part of a government-wide effort to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American public. ([DC 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 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 find ways to prevent the spread of WNS while increasing survival rates of afflicted species. ([USFWS Release](#))

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