

The BLM: Investing in New Mexico

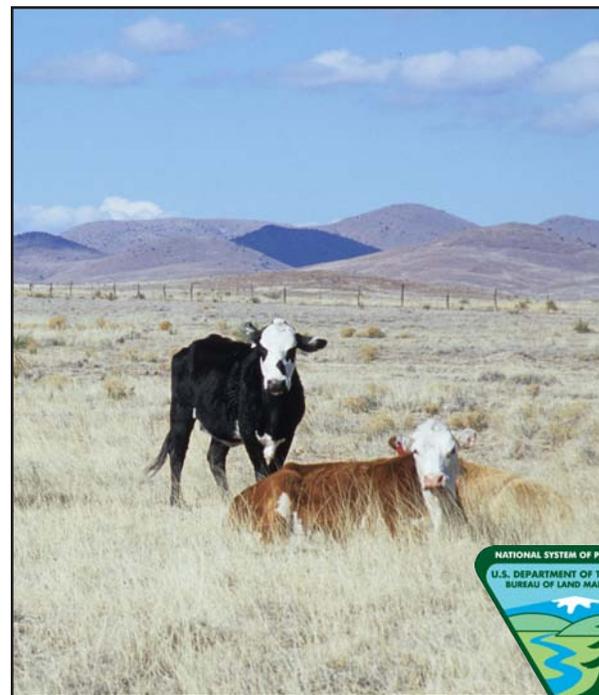


The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) might best be described as a small agency with a big mission and a lot of ground to cover. The BLM not only manages more than 260 million acres of public land, we also provide the American people a better return on their investment than any other federal agency.

BLM-New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, with a budget of \$108 million, contributed \$381 million to the State of New Mexico and \$573 million to the federal government in 2010.

With a national budget of \$1.8 billion, the BLM brought in \$3.9 billion for federal, state, and local governments in 2010. Nationally, for every one dollar received, the BLM brings in over two dollars. In other words, the BLM makes money for the American people.

We're proud that BLM's multiple-use mission brings jobs and revenues to the communities we serve. As stewards of America's public lands, we're steadfast in our commitment to preserve the health of the land for responsible, sustainable development, as well as for conservation and recreation.



BLM's Economic Benefit

The Bureau of Land Management is one of the top revenue-generating agencies in the federal government. In fact, it brings in more revenue than it spends for the State of New Mexico and the federal government. Local communities receive an economic benefit from the following:

Energy and Minerals - Revenues and royalties from oil, natural gas, and other saleable minerals make up the bulk of revenues generated by the BLM. These revenues are shared among the federal treasury (52%) and states (48%) where development occurs.

Grazing Fees - The BLM manages nearly 18,000 grazing permits held by ranchers who graze their livestock on BLM allotments. Grazing fees collected by the BLM are distributed among the states and federal treasury.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) - The BLM pays PILT fees to local communities to offset losses in property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their boundaries.

Realty and Rental Fees - The BLM collects rental fees from companies for electrical power lines, transmission lines, and alternative energy projects, like solar and wind power developments.

Recreation and Woodcutting - Revenues generated from BLM recreation fees and the sale of fuelwood cutting permits stay within the field office where they were collected. These revenues support local BLM operations and offset the need for additional funds.

