

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 250 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 \$94 million, contributed \$434 million to the state of New Mexico and \$580 million to the federal government in 2011.

With a national budget of \$1.8 billion, the BLM brought in \$4.1 billion for federal, state, and local governments in 2011. Nationally, for every one dollar received, the BLM brings in over two dollars. In other words, the BLM makes money for the American people.

Over the past ten years, BLM-New Mexico's oil and gas leasing program has provided over \$4 billion to the state of New Mexico, all of which has been allocated directly to public education.

As stewards of New Mexico's public lands, we're proud that BLM's multiple-use mission not only provides excellent outdoor recreation opportunities for all New Mexicans but also contributes to the economic well-being of the local communities we serve.



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.

