

**National Landscape Conservation System****Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009**

On March 30, 2009 President Barack Obama signed into law the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (P.L.111-11). The Act Congressionally established the Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). This System provides a framework for managing BLM's specially designated conservation areas as part of the BLM's multiple-use mission. NLCS includes national monuments, national conservation areas and similar designations, wilderness, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, national scenic and historic trails, and the conservation lands of the California Desert.

The new law brings into the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System nearly 928,000 acres of wilderness, one national monument, four conservation areas, 363 miles of wild and scenic rivers, and 40 miles of national scenic trails. This totals over 1,200,000 acres of newly designated conservation area lands. These lands along with the other NLCS units will be managed to conserve, protect, and restore their exceptional scientific, ecological, and cultural values.



**Arizona National Scenic Trail**  
*Photo by Scott Morris and Lee Blackwell*



**Owyhee River Wilderness**



**Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area**

**New Designations****Arizona**

- Arizona National Scenic Trail – 31 miles

**California**

- 4 Wilderness Areas and 6 Wilderness Additions – 138,355 acres
- Amargosa Wild and Scenic River – 26 miles
- Cottonwood Creek Wild and Scenic River – 4 miles

**Colorado**

- Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area - 209,610 acres
- Dominguez Wilderness - 66,280 acres

**Idaho**

- 6 Wilderness Areas – 516,995 acres
- 16 Wild and Scenic Rivers – 318 miles

**New Mexico**

- Prehistoric Trackways National Monument – 5,280 acres
- Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area – 24,950 acres
- Sabinosa Wilderness – 16,030 acres

**Oregon**

- 4 Wilderness Areas – 60,852 acres

**Utah**

- Red Cliffs National Conservation Area – 44,725 acres
- Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area – 68,083 acres
- 14 Wilderness Areas - 129,289 acres
- 11 Wild and Scenic Rivers – 19 miles

**Washington**

- Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail – 9 miles