

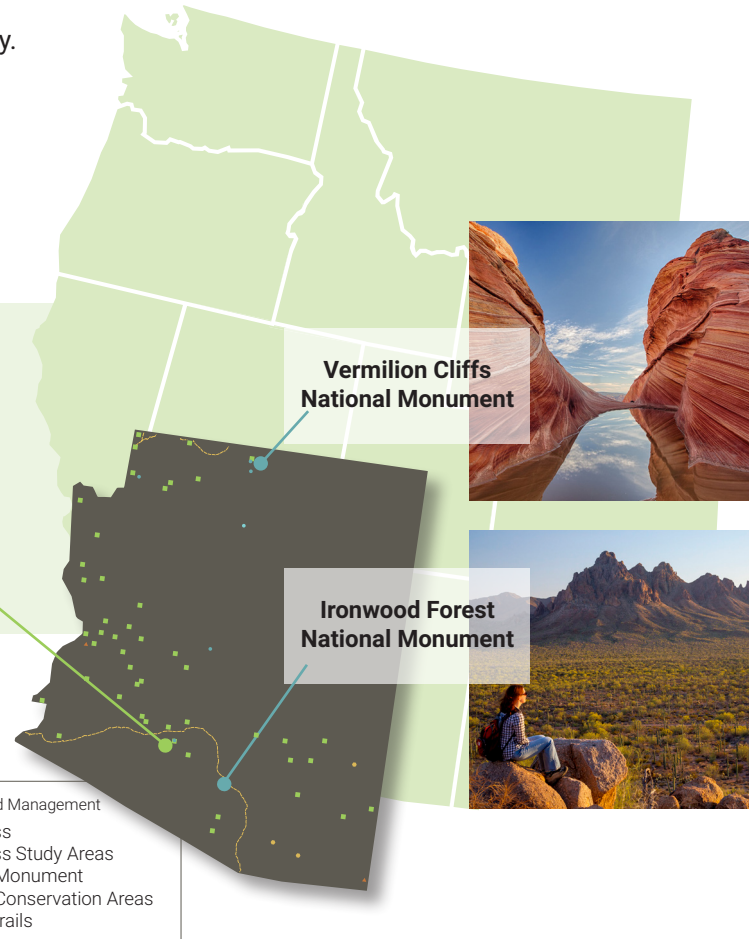


National Conservation Lands are among the most essential and spectacular natural, cultural, and archaeological places in the country. They protect:

- > The cultural continuity of Native Nations
- > Rural economies
- > Access to hunting and fishing and other recreational activities
- > Essential wildlife migration corridors
- > Nature needed to mitigate the effects of the climate and biodiversity crises



The Great Bend of the Gila is 84,000 acres of river valley and surrounding lands in the Sonoran Desert, with abundant cultural diversity and natural resources. Conservation Lands Foundation is working with a coalition of local partners and alongside Native Nations and communities to gain long-term protection for this important landscape.



Yours to Discover



61 NATIONAL CONSERVATION LAND UNITS IN ARIZONA



6 NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- Agua Fria
- Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni – Ancestral Footprints of the Grand Canyon
- Grand Canyon-Parashant
- Ironwood Forest
- Sonoran Desert
- Vermilion Cliffs



3 NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

- Gila Box Riparian
- Las Cienegas
- San Pedro Riparian



47 WILDERNESS AREAS



2 WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

- Baker Canyon
- Cactus Plain



3 NATIONAL SCENIC & HISTORIC TRAILS

- Arizona National Scenic Trail
- Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail

Driver of Arizona's Economy

Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, including National Conservation Lands, support local businesses and help drive the state's outdoor recreation economy:

7,028 DIRECT JOBS

\$931 MILLION TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Our Powerful Arizona Friends Grassroots Network

Local- and community-based conservation is the blueprint for achieving long-lasting protections for essential and vulnerable public lands. Conservation Lands Foundation harnesses the collective power of our Friends Grassroots Network, a national movement of more than 80 community-based organizations, to protect, restore, and expand National Conservation Lands.

ARCHAEOLOGY SOUTHWEST

FRIENDS OF AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONUMENT

FRIENDS OF IRONWOOD FOREST

FRIENDS OF THE SAN PEDRO RIVER

KEEP SEDONA BEAUTIFUL



FRIENDS
GRASSROOTS
NETWORK

Outdoor Recreation

The National Conservation Lands welcome:



CAMPING



HIKING



BIKING



FISHING



HUNTING



RAFTING



ROCK CLIMBING



DOGS...AND MORE!



Sonoran Desert NM

Conservation Lands Foundation At-a-Glance

Conservation Lands Foundation is the only organization whose mission is focused solely on the greatest opportunity to stop the decline of nature and wildlife in the U.S. We work to conserve the largest acreage of unprotected public lands in the country by powering a national network of community-led nonprofits across the West.

For 18 years, the Conservation Lands Foundation has successfully built and harnessed the power of our national movement of community-led advocates—known as the Friends Grassroots Network—to expand, protect, and restore landscapes under the National Conservation Lands designation.

The Conservation Lands Foundation and its Friends Grassroots Network play outsized roles in ensuring the country's valuable and vulnerable public landscapes are protected for future generations.



Las Cienegas NCA

For All

We're committed to the ongoing work of building multicultural competencies across our sphere of influence to accelerate a conservation movement that is inclusive and addresses its intersectionalities with environmental justice, social justice, and community health.

We actively identify and eliminate barriers to secure full participation so that people of all identities, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientation, socio-economic situations, religions, abilities, and ages can responsibly explore and enjoy the benefits of their public lands.



Ironwood Forest NM



Sonoran Desert NM

NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS At-a-Glance

National Conservation Lands are the critical connective tissue between more familiar public lands like National Parks and are managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees more public land than any other agency in the U.S.



38 MILLION ACRES



31 NATIONAL MONUMENTS



25 NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS
and similar designations



21 MILLION ACRES
of Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas



2,700 MILES
of Wild and Scenic Rivers



6,000 MILES
of National Scenic & Historic Trails



906+ LOCATIONS

More National Conservation Lands Are Needed

Only 15% of the 245 million acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are protected as National Conservation Lands and more is needed to support healthy plant and wildlife populations, rural economies that depend on them for recreation and tourism, our climate system, livelihoods, food, and freshwater supplies.

Westerners Who Prefer Public Land Conservation Over Energy Development Is At All-Time High

72 percent of Westerners across the political spectrum want elected officials to protect more clean water sources, air quality, and wildlife habitat while providing opportunities to visit and recreate on public lands.

89 percent of voters oppose reducing or removing national monument protections.

Source: Conservation In the West Poll, 2025



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