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 & Wilderness Study Areas





Expand. Protect. Restore.

For 18 years, the Conservation Lands Foundation has successfully built and led a national movement of community-based advocates to expand, protect, and restore landscapes under the National Conservation Lands system.

We're committed to the ongoing work of building multicultural competency 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.

For All.

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.

Communities Grow with Public Lands

Communities in the Carrizo Plain region neighboring the National Monument have experienced strong growth since the Monument's designation in 2001. The increases in population, jobs, and per capita income also mirror growth in other western counties with national monuments or other protected public lands.

Protected natural resources—such as the pristine scenery found at Santa Rosa-San Jacinto National Monument—help western communities sustain property values and attract new investments, including fast-growing economic sectors. As a result, communities grow more quickly, on average, than counties without protected public lands.





Carrizo Plain N



NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS

California 2025



King Range

National Conservation Area

Amargosa

Wild and Scenic

River

California Desert

National Conservation Lands

National Conservation Lands aare 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 to mitigate the effects of the climate and biodiversity crises

Yours to Discover



179 NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS UNITS IN CALIFORNIA



9 NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- · Berryessa Snow Mountain
- · California Coastal
- · Carrizo Plain
- · Cascade-Siskiyou
- · Chuckwalla
- Fort Ord
- Mojave Trails
- · Sand to Snow
- · Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains



5 NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS & similar designations

- Alabama Hills Scenic Area
- California Desert National Conservation Lands
- Headwaters Forest Reserve
- · King Range National Conservation Area
- Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station



92 WILDERNESS AREAS



64 WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS



4 NATIONAL SCENIC & HISTORIC TRAILS



26 WILD & SCENIC RIVERS

Southern California's National Conservation Lands are on the doorstep of one of the largest urban areas in the United States and home to scientific wonders, irreplaceable cultural sites, and popular recreational opportunities: the only free-flowing river in the Mojave Desert, one of the largest and most intact tortoise habitats in the California desert, and the only place in the world to find the Munz's cholla cactus species.

All photos courtesy of BLM unless otherwise noted

Bureau of Land Management
Wilderness

National Monument
 National Conservation Areas
 Historic Trails

▲ Wilderness Study Areas

Outdoor Recreation

The National Conservation Lands welcome:



CAMPING

BIKING



ROCK CLIMBING



FISHING



HUNTING



OHV USE













Our Powerful 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.



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Northern California

1. REDWOOD PARKS CONSERVANCY

- 2. TRINIDAD COASTAL LAND TRUST 3. FRIENDS OF THE HEADWATERS
- 4. FRIENDS OF THE LOST COAST
- 5. MATTOLE RESTORATION COUNCIL
- 6. MATTOLE SALMON GROUP
- 7. SANCTUARY FOREST
- 8. FRIENDS OF POINT ARENA-STORNETTA LANDS
- 9. CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COALITION
- 10. LATINO OUTDOORS
- 11. TULEYOME

NEARLY 10%

of California's lands are part of the National Conservation Lands



Southern

California

21 22 23 24 25 26

TRAILS NM

CHUCKWALLA

NM

SANTA ROSA &

SAN JACINTO NM

27 28 29 30

SAND TO

SNOW NM

California's NATIONAL CONSERVATION **LANDS**



Southern California





20. AMARGOSA CONSERVANCY

- 21. FRIENDS OF THE AMARGOSA BASIN
- 22. FRIENDS OF BIG MORONGO **CANYON PRESERVE**
- 23. FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS
- 24. MOJAVE DESERT LAND TRUST
- 25. CACTUSTOCLOUD INSTITUTE
- 26. NATIVE AMERICAN LAND CONSERVANCY
- 27. TRANSITION HABITAT CONSERVANCY
- 28. BLU EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
- 29. COUNCIL OF MEXICAN FEDERATIONS IN NORTH AMERICA
- 30. OUTDOOR OUTREACH





Central

California

- 12. AMAH MUTSUN LAND TRUST
- 13. SEMPERVIRENS FUND
- 14. SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

Trinidad Head

Waluplh

Lighthouse

- 15. FORT FRIENDS
- 16. PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION ASSOCIATION
- 17. FRIENDS OF CARRIZO PLAIN
- 18. CARRIZO PLAIN CONSERVANCY
- 19. FRIENDS OF THE INYO

Conservation Lands Are Needed Only 15% of the 245 million acres of public lands

More National

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

Driver of California's Economy

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

30,117 DIRECT JOBS

\$8,288 MILLION TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

SOURCE: https://www.blm.gov/about/data/socioeconomic-

Helping Veterans, Honoring History

Veterans share a strong connection with the outdoors and believe that protecting national public lands is a patriotic duty. As former Navy SEAL Brett Myrick says, "We have found nature is a powerful force for veterans who need to heal and gain strength. It is where we go to reconnect with our friends and family, and to hunt and

Places like Fort Ord and Mojave Trails National Monuments protect and honor our military history, including the best remaining remnants of General Patton's historic Camp Iron Mountain. Mojave Trails also lies under important air space, helping to ensure that present-day military training exercises continue.