



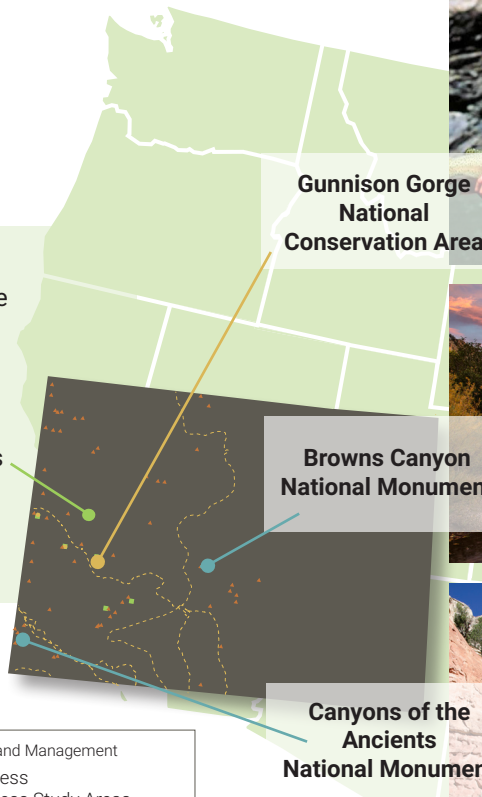
National Conservation Lands are among the most essential and spectacular natural, cultural, and archaeological places in the country.

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



As a tributary of the mighty Colorado River, **the Dolores River** flows through the heart of more than 250,000 acres of public lands in western Colorado. This expansive landscape includes soaring canyon cliffs, old-growth ponderosa pine forests, and abundant wildlife. 84% of Coloradans polled support protecting the Dolores River Canyon to safeguard the region's cultural resources, sustain local economies, and ensure the future of the communities that rely on it.



Yours to Discover



65 NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS UNITS IN COLORADO



2 NATIONAL MONUMENTS

- Browns Canyon
- Canyons of the Ancients



3 NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS

- Dominguez-Escalante
- Gunnison Gorge
- McInnis Canyons



5 WILDERNESS AREAS

- Black Ridge Canyons
- Powderhorn
- Dominguez Canyon
- Uncompahgre
- Gunnison Gorge



53 WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS

- 548,023 acres



2 NATIONAL SCENIC & HISTORIC TRAILS

- Continental Divide Scenic Trail
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail

Bureau of Land Management

- Wilderness
- ▲ Wilderness Study Areas
- National Monument
- National Conservation Areas
- Historic Trails

Our Powerful Colorado 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.

COLORADO CANYONS ASSOCIATION
COLORADO WILDLANDS PROJECT
DOLORES RIVER BOATING ADVOCATES
FRIENDS OF BROWNS CANYON
FRIENDS OF THE YAMPA
SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE
SAN LUIS VALLEY ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL
SOUTHWEST COLORADO CANYONS ALLIANCE
WESTERN SLOPE CONSERVATION CENTER



FRIENDS
GRASSROOTS
NETWORK

Driver of Colorado'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:

39,436 DIRECT JOBS

\$8,767 MILLION TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

SOURCE: <https://www.blm.gov/about/data/socioeconomic-impact-report>

All photos courtesy of BLM unless otherwise noted

Outdoor Recreation

The National Conservation Lands welcome:



CAMPING



HIKING



BIKING



FISHING



HUNTING



RAFTING



ROCK CLIMBING



DOGS...AND MORE!



Dominguez-Escalante NCA

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.



McInnis Canyon 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.



Las Cienegas NCA



Browns Canyon NM: John Fielder

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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