



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



Randy Aarestad

The Owyhee Canyonlands landscape is a wild, intact area connecting Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. It's a geodiversity hotspot with a vast array of geologic features including honeycomb-like spires and rhyolite domes into which deep canyons are carved. The region and its rivers support the Great Basin Redband Trout, greater sage-grouse, and the fleet-footed pronghorn. Conservation Lands Foundation is working with a coalition of local partners to secure its protection.

Yours to Discover



136 NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS UNITS IN OREGON



1 NATIONAL MONUMENT
• Cascade-Siskiyou



2 NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS & SIMILAR DESIGNATIONS
• Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
• Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area



9 WILDERNESS AREAS
• Devil's Staircase • Hells Canyon • Lower White River
• Oregon Badlands • Soda Mountain • Spring Basin
• Steens Mountain • Table Rock • Wild Rogue River



87 WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS
• 2,645,103 acres



3 NATIONAL HISTORIC & SCENIC TRAILS
• California National Historic Trail
• National Historic Oregon Trail
• Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail



34 WILD & SCENIC RIVERS

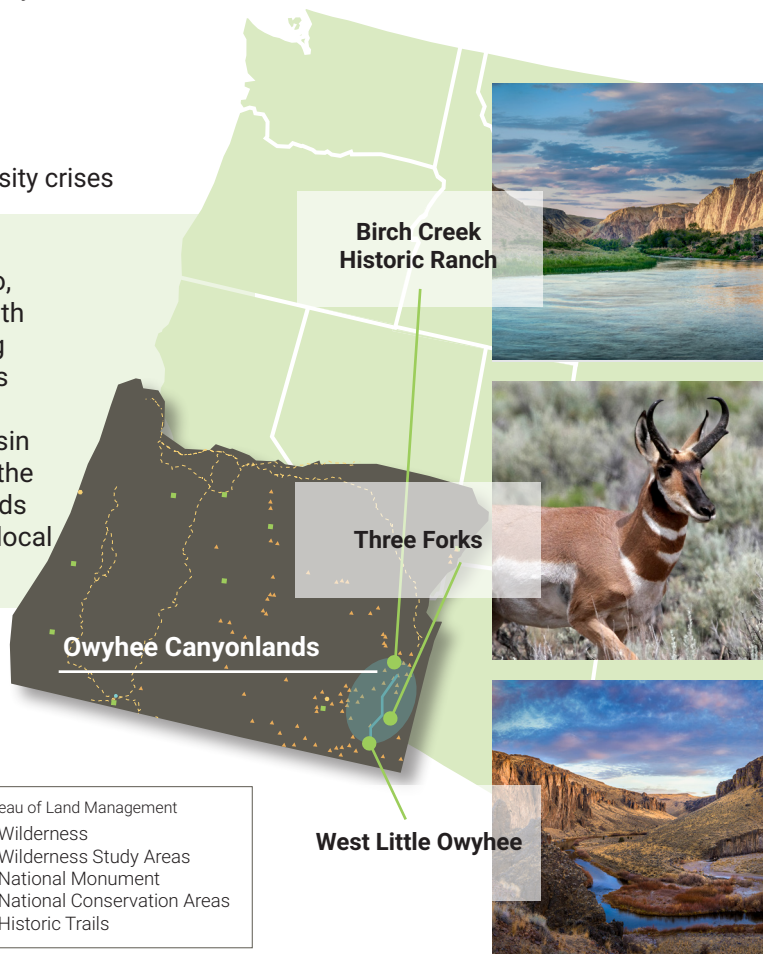
Driver of Oregon's Economy

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

17,544 DIRECT JOBS

\$2,537 MILLION TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

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



River photos: Devin Dahlgren

Pronghorn photo: Devlin Holloway

Our Powerful Oregon 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.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF THE DESCHUTES CANYON AREA
FRIENDS OF CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT
FRIENDS OF THE OWYHEE
FRIENDS OF YAQUINA LIGHTHOUSES
OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION



FRIENDS
GRASSROOTS
NETWORK

Outdoor Recreation

The National Conservation Lands welcome:



CAMPING



HIKING



BIKING



FISHING



HUNTING



RAFTING



ROCK CLIMBING



DOGS...AND MORE!



Petroglyphs in the Owyhee. Scott Erickson

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



West Louise Canyon. Tim Neville

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.

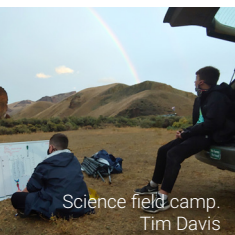


West Little Owyhee River meets Main Owyhee River. Tim Davis

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.



Science field camp. Tim Davis

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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