

NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS



THESE LANDS ARE OUR LANDS

Established in 2000, the **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS** are America's newest collection of **PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS**, rivers and trails. Managed by the **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** (BLM) and owned by all Americans, they stand proudly alongside our National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, protecting our nation's diverse ecological, historical and cultural heritage. The National Conservation Lands are our link to the past and our promise that future generations will have incredible places to discover and explore.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Unlike some protected public lands, the National Conservation Lands allow for a wide variety of activities, including:



LIVING LANDSCAPES

The National Conservation Lands are an outdoor classroom, honoring our past, present and future, including:

ECOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT
CLEAN WATER
CULTURAL HERITAGE
OUTDOOR TRADITIONS

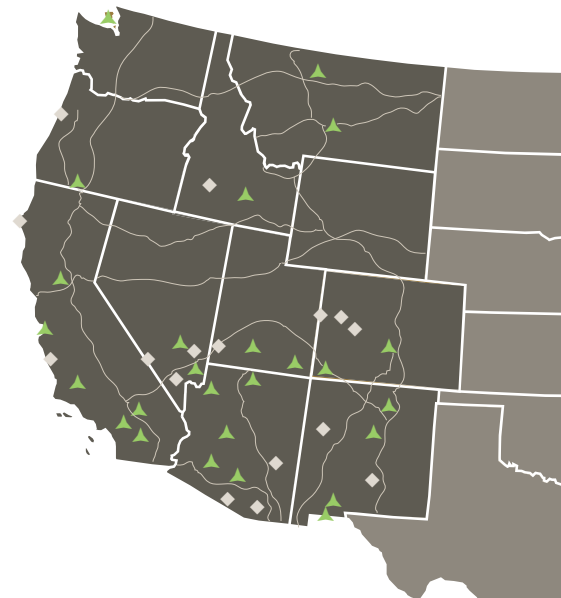
ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The National Conservation Lands and protected public lands support local economic growth by attracting new businesses and boosting fast-growing economic sectors like tourism and our

\$887 BILLION
OUTDOOR
RECREATION ECONOMY.

LOCAL INPUT

The National Conservation Lands are managed in collaboration with local communities. National Monuments and National Conservation Areas have site-specific management plans that are created with input from local agencies, community groups and the public.

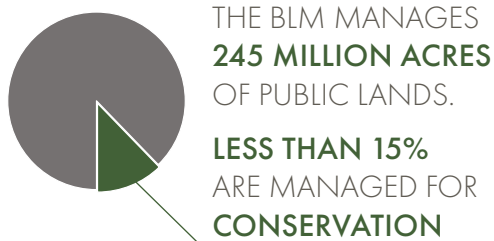


NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS AT A GLANCE



The **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS** can be found in the 12 Western states, Alaska and along the East Coast.

MULTIPLE USE LANDS



The vast majority of National Conservation Lands are open to hunting and fishing, as well as traditional uses including grazing.





Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, NM (BLM)

PROTECTING & DEFENDING OUR PUBLIC LANDS

The lands, rivers and trails within the **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION**, but they are also incredibly vulnerable. They face abuse from unchecked oil and gas drilling and irresponsible off-road vehicle use. They are subject to looting, vandalism and neglect from underfunding.

Most recently—and most surprisingly—even their permanently-protected status has come under attack from the Trump Administration. As a result of the Secretary of interior's “review” of national monuments designated since 1996, (the year that Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the first monument included in the National Conservation Lands, was designated), the Administration is putting many national treasures at risk.

ALTHOUGH 2.8 MILLION AMERICANS COMMENTED DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD, WITH 99% IN SUPPORT OF LEAVING OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS INTACT, the Administration signaled from the very beginning that it intended to eliminate protections for places like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, which could open these treasured landscapes to oil and gas exploration and development.

Threats to our protected public lands also come from Congressional attacks on the **ANTIQUITIES ACT**, a bedrock conservation law that has been used by 16 Presidents—8 from each party—to protect our nation's heritage. Many of our national monuments and national parks would not exist today if they had not been protected under the Antiquities Act.

CONSERVATION LANDS FOUNDATION

Community is at the core of conservation and the power of the grassroots is at the heart of our mission and success. As the only non-profit dedicated solely to safeguarding these protected public lands of extraordinary significance, our mission is to **PROTECT, RESTORE AND EXPAND THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS**.

We build and strengthen community-based groups, led by citizen-advocates across the West, to advance strong conservation policies on the ground and defend our protected public lands from attack. Our **FRIENDS GRASSROOTS NETWORK** — over 60 groups plus dozens of partner organizations — lead the on-the-ground stewardship, education and advocacy efforts for the National Conservation Lands. We work hand-in-hand with our partners to be a strong and diverse voice for our National Conservation Lands.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Ensuring the Antiquities Act and our bedrock environmental laws are protected;
- Defending all national monuments under review by the Trump Administration;
- Safeguarding the National Conservation Lands as a permanent system of protected lands;
- Upholding strong conservation management practices and policies on the ground;
- Supporting and strengthening a dedicated constituency of grassroots groups who advocate for the National Conservation Lands; and
- Identifying and advancing opportunities for the permanent protection of additional ecologically, culturally and historically significant public lands.