National Conservation Lands

The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) system of National Conservation Lands includes approximately 37 million acres of nationally significant landscapes with outstanding historic, cultural, ecological, and scientific values. Congress and presidents have provided specific designations to these lands to conserve, protect, and restore them for the benefit of current and future generations.

Background

BLM created the National Landscape Conservation System (National Conservation Lands) in 2000. Congress codified the system in the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 (PL 111-11) and directed the Secretary of the Interior to manage these lands “in a manner that protects the values for which the components of the system were designated” and in accordance with any applicable law. Mostly located in the West, these lands provide outstanding cultural and ecological resources, abundant recreational opportunities, and important scientific research grounds.

National Conservation Lands

The National Conservation Lands system include BLM lands with the following congressional and presidential designations:

- National Monuments
- National Historic Trails
- National Scenic Trails
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Wilderness Areas
- Wilderness Study Areas
- National Conservation Areas
- Additional areas designated by Congress for inclusion in the system

FY 2021 Appropriations Request

Please support $65.131 million for the Bureau of Land Management’s National Conservation Lands in the FY 2022 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPLEPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management

ACCOUNT: Management of Lands and Resources

ACTIVITY: National Landscape Conservation System (National Conservation Lands)

Recent Funding History:

- FY 2019 Enacted Funding: $39.819 million
- FY 2020 Enacted Funding: $43.819 million
- FY 2021 Enacted Funding: $45.819 million
- FY 2022 President’s Budget Request: TBD
- FY 2022 NTHP Recommendation: $65.131 million

JUSTIFICATION: A sharp increase in funding for the National Conservation Lands is necessary to return to its FY 2006 funding level. Such an increase is needed to properly administer the system’s expansion by 10 million acres since 2006. Increased funding will permit increased inventory, monitoring, and protection of cultural resources, enhancing proper management of all resources and providing a quality visitor experience.
# National Conservation Lands by State

## ALASKA
- Iditarod National Historic Trail
- Steese National Conservation Area
- 1 Wilderness Study Area
- 6 Wild and Scenic Rivers

## ARIZONA
- Agua Fria National Monument
- Arizona National Scenic Trail
- Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area
- Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
- Ironwood Forest National Monument
- Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
- Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
- Sonoran Desert National Monument
- Vermilion Cliffs National Monument
- 47 Wilderness Areas; 2 Wilderness Study Areas

## CALIFORNIA
- Alabama Hills National Scenic Area
- Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument
- California Coastal National Monument
- California National Historic Trail
- Carrizo Plain National Monument
- Fort Ord National Monument
- Headwaters Forest Reserve
- Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
- King Range National Conservation Area
- Mojave Trails National Monument
- National Conservation Lands of the California Desert
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station
- Outstanding Natural Area
- Sand To Snow National Monument
- Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
- 10 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 92 Wilderness Areas; 68 Wilderness Study Areas

## COLORADO
- Browns Canyon National Monument
- Canyons of the Ancients National Monument
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
- Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area
- McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- 5 Wilderness Areas; 54 Wilderness Study Areas

## FLORIDA
- Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

## IDAHO
- California National Historic Trail
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area
- Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- Oregon National Historic Trail
- 16 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 8 Wilderness Areas; 42 Wilderness Study Areas

## MARYLAND
- Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

## MONTANA
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
- Pompeys Pillar National Monument
- Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
- 1 Wild and Scenic River
- 1 Wilderness Area; 37 Wilderness Study Areas

## NEVADA
- Basin and Range National Monument
- Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area
- California National Historic Trail
- Gold Butte National Monument
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- Pony Express National Historic Trail
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
- 46 Wilderness Areas; 59 Wilderness Study Areas

## NEW MEXICO
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail
- El Malpais National Conservation Area
- Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area

## NORTHERN DAKOTA
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

## OREGON
- California National Historic Trail
- Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
- Oregon National Historic Trail
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
- Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area
- 34 Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 9 Wilderness Areas; 87 Wilderness Study Areas

## UTAH
- Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area
- Bears Ears National Monument
- California National Historic Trail
- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
- John Wesley Powell National Conservation Area
- Jurassic National Monument
- Old Spanish National Historic Trail
- Pony Express National Historic Trail
- Red Cliffs National Conservation Area
- 35 Wilderness Areas; 78 Wilderness Study Areas

## VIRGINIA
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
- Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

## WASHINGTON
- Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail
- San Juan Islands National Monument
- 1 Wilderness Area; 1 Wilderness Study Area

## WYOMING
- California National Historic Trail
- Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
- Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail
- Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- Oregon National Historic Trail
- Pony Express National Historic Trail
- 43 Wilderness Study Areas

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