

Four Corners

Corner #1

Bureau of Land Management



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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an agency within the United States Department of the Interior that administers more than 247.3 million acres of public lands in the United States which constitutes one-eighth of the landmass of the country. President Harry S. Truman created the BLM in 1946 by combining two existing agencies: the General Land Office and the Grazing Services. The agency manages the federal government's nearly 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. Most BLM public lands are located in these 12 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." Originally BLM holdings were described as "land nobody wanted" because homesteaders had passed them by. All the same, ranchers hold nearly 18,000 permits and leases for livestock grazing on 155 million acres of BLM public lands. The agency manages 221 wilderness areas, 23 national monuments, and some 636 other protected areas as part of the National Landscape Conservation System totaling about 30 million acres. There are more than 63,000 oil and gas wells on BLM public lands. Total, energy leases generated approximately \$5.4 billion in 2013, an amount divided among the Treasury, the states, and Native American groups.



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U.S. Forest Service



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The U.S. Forest Service is a multi-faceted agency that manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 43 states and Puerto Rico. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

They have an elite wildland firefighting team, and the world's largest forestry research organization. Our experts provide technical and financial help to state and local government agencies, businesses and private landowners, and work government-to-government with tribes to help protect and manage non-federal forest and associated range and watershed lands.

The agency augments their work through partnerships with public and private agencies that help them plant trees, improve trails, educate the public, and improve conditions in wildland/urban interfaces and rural areas. The U.S. Forest service team also promotes sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation internationally.

Gifford Pinchot, first Chief of the Forest Service, summed up the mission of the Forest Service: "To provide the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run."



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Corner #3

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Our Mission is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

We are a bureau within the Department of the Interior.

Our Objectives:

- Assist in the development and application of an environmental stewardship ethic for our society, based on ecological principles, scientific knowledge of fish and wildlife, and a sense of moral responsibility.
- Guide the conservation, development, and management of the Nation's fish and wildlife resources.
- Administer a national program to provide the public opportunities to understand, appreciate, and wisely use fish and wildlife resources.

Functions: Here are a few of the ways we try to meet our mission: Enforce federal wildlife laws, protect endangered species, manage migratory birds, restore nationally significant fisheries, conserve and restore wildlife habitats such as wetlands, help foreign governments with their international conservation efforts, and distribute hundreds of millions of dollars through our Wildlife Sport Fish and Restoration program in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

Resources: We manage the 150 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System of more than 560 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. Under the Fisheries program, we also operate 70 National Fish Hatcheries, 65 fishery resource offices, and 86 ecological services field stations.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on non-federal lands. Voluntary habitat protection and restoration programs like the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the Coastal Program and other Partnership programs are the primary ways we deliver habitat conservation on public and private lands.

The Service employs approximately 9,000 people at facilities across the U.S. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., with regional and field offices across the country.



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National Park Service



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Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, we safeguard these special places and share their stories with more than 275 million visitors every year, but our work doesn't stop there.

We are proud that tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individual citizens ask for our help in revitalizing their communities, preserving local history, celebrating local heritage, and creating close to home opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be active, and have fun.

Taking care of the national parks and helping Americans take care of their communities is a job we love, and we need—and welcome—your help and support.

Our Mission

The National Park Service preserves the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

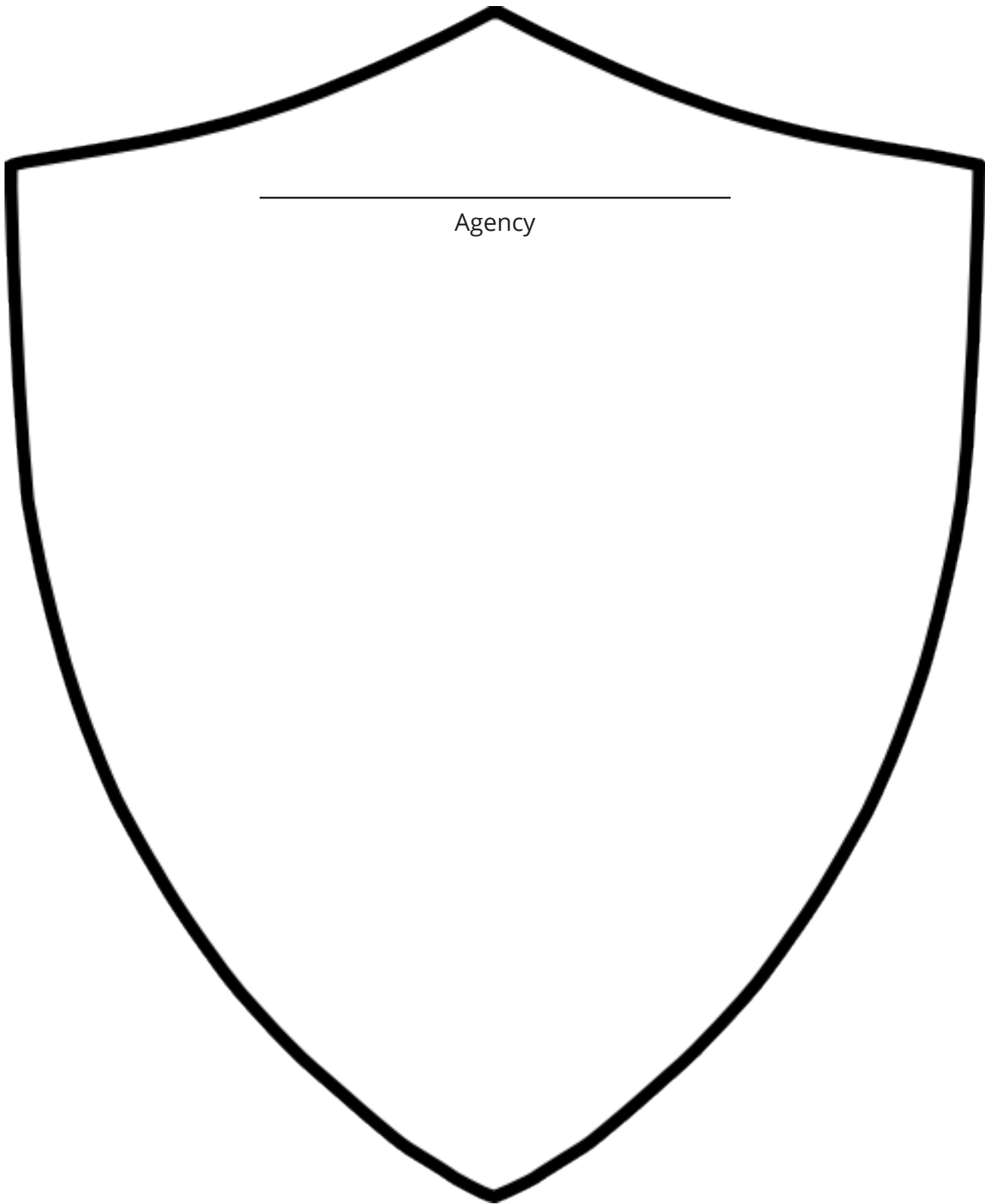
Our Employees

More than 20,000 strong, the uncommon men and women of the National Park Service share a common trait: a passion for caring for the nation's special places and sharing their stories.



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Wyoming Conservation Corps



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