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14.1 Field Organization.

A. The delivery of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) products and services and implementation of the BLM's resource management mission for public lands are achieved through State Offices, District Offices, Field Offices, and Field Stations.

B. Regional Boundaries. The Department of the Interior (the Department) Unified Region boundaries are shown on the attached map. Table 1 describes which Unified Region(s) each State Office is a part of in full or in part. A full description of all the Unified Regions is found at 105 DM 3.

14.2 **State Offices (SOs).** The BLM has 12 State Offices, each headed by a State Director who reports to the Deputy Director, State Operations. Each SO is responsible for carrying out the BLM mission within a specific geographical area consisting of one or more States (see Table 2). The boundaries of BLM State Offices are within one or more of the 12 Unified Regions of the Department. See 105 DM 3 for a full description of the Unified Regions.

A. Roles and Responsibilities. State Offices provide mission direction and leadership, program leadership and technical support, and appeal resolution; identify Statewide goals and priority efforts under the BLM Strategic Plan; and communicate the Administration's, the Secretary of the Interior's (Secretary), and the BLM's priorities to the District/Field Offices, State Agencies, Tribal Organizations, and the public. State Directors, working with State Office staff, formulate policy and render decisions within the limits of their delegated authority; direct/provide oversight for activities within the State; and provide support to District/Field Office operations. State Offices also gather and analyze performance/cost data and identify opportunities for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

B. Structure. State Offices are organized along functional lines. A typical State Office includes a Division of Resources (sometimes separated into a Division of Resources and a Division of Lands and Minerals and/or a Division of Fire/Aviation) and Division of Business Resources and Support Services. Variations are based on the resources managed and staffing levels.

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C. Locations and Geographic Jurisdictions. Each of the 12 BLM State Offices has an assigned geographic area of responsibility (see attached map). The SOs may arrange to share resources and conduct activities across geographic areas when such arrangements support common missions and/or achieve efficiencies in customer service, resource utilization, or administrative operations. The SO locations and geographic jurisdictions are shown on the attached map.

14.3 District Offices (DOs). The second layer of the field organization is the District Office.

A. Each District Office is headed by a District Manager who reports to a State Director. District Offices guide and assist the field offices in accomplishing mission activities. The District Offices support the State Offices by developing and administering programs that meet State priorities for public lands and resources and carry out resource management programs within their geographic area of responsibility. District Offices provide early warning to State Directors on sensitive issues and communicate policies, procedures, and goals to the public, the media, organizations, communities, and partner groups.

B. District Offices may be organized along functional lines (renewable resources, non-renewable resources, fire/aviation, operations, and support services), geographic locations (one or more Field Office or National Landscape Conservation System Unit), or by both function and geographic location.

14.4 Field Offices (FOs). Field Offices provide direct customer services and execute on-the-ground management of public lands and resources within BLM's jurisdiction. Each Field Office is headed by a Field Manager who reports to a District Manager (unless there is no District Office, in which case the Field Manager will report to the State Director). Field Offices carry out resource management programs within geographic subdivisions of the District. They are responsible for authorizing use of resources, inventorying and monitoring resource conditions and trends, and conducting compliance monitoring of land uses and permitted activities within their geographic area. Field Offices serve as the primary point of contact for customers and stakeholders at the local level.

14.5 Field Stations (FS). Field Stations are detached offices or duty stations to the Field Offices. Field Stations normally do not have a formal line manager as they are an extension of the FO, not an independent entity.

14.6 National Landscape System Units. The manager of a National Monument, National Conservation Area, or other unit of National Conservation Lands may report to a Field Office, District Office, or State Office depending upon its size, complexity, and delegation of authority.

Table 1 – BLM State Office/Unified Region relationship

State Offices	State Office Location	Jurisdiction	Unified Region Name	Unified Region Number
Eastern States	Falls Church	Northeastern District (<i>partial</i>) Southeastern District (<i>partial</i>)	North Atlantic Appalachian	1
Eastern States	Falls Church	Southeastern District (<i>partial</i>)	South Atlantic Gulf	2
Eastern States	Falls Church	Northeastern District (<i>partial</i>)	Great Lakes	3
Eastern States	Falls Church	Northeastern District (<i>partial</i>) Southeastern District (<i>partial</i>)	Mississippi Basin	4
Montana-Dakotas	Billings	Western Montana District Office (<i>partial</i>) All other MT-DK District Offices. ¹	Missouri Basin	5
New Mexico	Santa Fe	Kansas (NM) ²		
Wyoming	Cheyenne	High Plains District Office (WY) ³		
New Mexico	Santa Fe	Oklahoma and Texas (NM) ²	Arkansas Rio Grande Texas Gulf	6
Colorado	Denver	All Colorado District Offices.	Upper Colorado Basin	7
New Mexico	Santa Fe	All other New Mexico District Offices (<i>less than 1 percent total in other regions</i>)		
Utah	Salt Lake City	All Utah District Offices.		
Wyoming	Cheyenne	High Plains District Office (WY) ³ (<i>partial</i>). All other WY District Offices.		
Arizona	Phoenix	All Arizona District Offices.	Lower Colorado Basin	8
California	Sacramento	California Desert District Office (<i>partial</i>) Central California District Office (<i>partial</i>)		
Nevada	Reno	Southern Nevada District Office (<i>partial</i>)		
Idaho	Boise	All Idaho District Offices.	Columbia Pacific Northwest	9
Montana-Dakotas	Billings	Western Montana District Office ¹ (<i>partial</i>)		
Oregon-Washington	Portland	Lakeview District Office (OR) (<i>partial</i>) Prineville District Office (OR) (<i>partial</i>)		
California	Sacramento	California Desert District Office (<i>partial</i>) Central California District Office (<i>partial</i>) All other CA District Offices.	California Great Basin	10
Nevada	Reno	Southern Nevada District Office (<i>partial</i>) All other NV District Offices.		
Oregon-Washington	Portland	Lakeview District Office (OR) (<i>partial</i>) Prineville District Office (OR) (<i>partial</i>) All other OR-WA District Offices.		
Alaska	Anchorage	All Alaska District Offices.	Alaska	11

Table 2 – BLM State Office Jurisdiction

State and District Offices	State Office Location	Jurisdiction
Alaska	Anchorage	State of Alaska
Arizona	Phoenix	State of Arizona, plus a narrow strip of the California side of the Colorado River
California	Sacramento	State of California, less that part administered by the Arizona SO, plus a portion of northwestern Nevada
Colorado	Denver	State of Colorado
Eastern States	Falls Church, VA	All States bordering on or east of the Mississippi River.
Idaho	Boise	State of Idaho, plus small parts of Nevada and Oregon
Montana	Billings	States of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota
Nevada	Reno	State of Nevada, except the parts administered by the California and Idaho SOs
New Mexico	Santa Fe	States of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas
Oregon	Portland	States of Oregon and Washington, except that part administered by the Idaho SO
Utah	Salt Lake City	State of Utah
Wyoming	Cheyenne	States of Wyoming and Nebraska

