



Bureau of Land Management

Mission

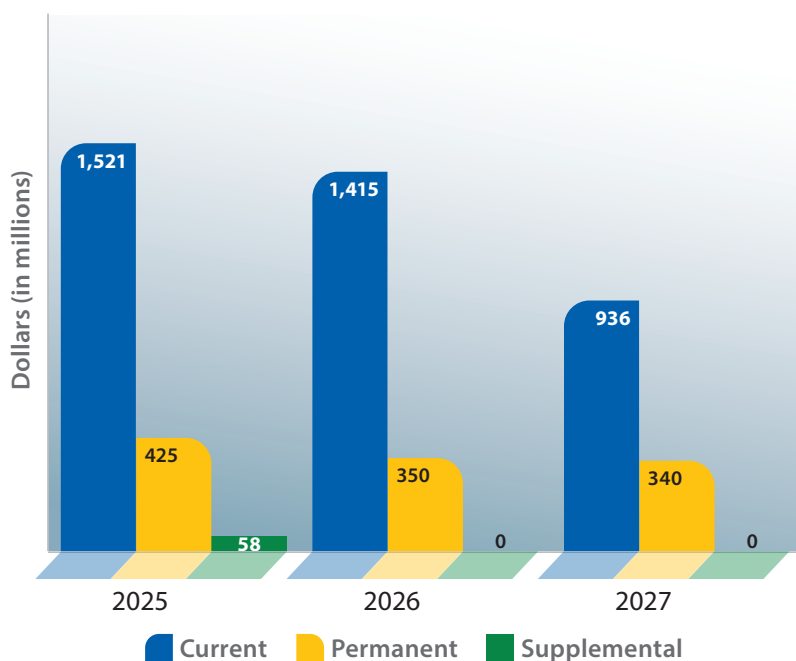
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) carries out the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579) ensuring public lands are maintained for multiple use and sustained yield for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Budget Overview

The 2027 BLM budget for current appropriations is \$936.1 million. This amount includes \$830.9 million for the Management of Lands and Resources appropriation and \$65.8 million for the Oregon and California Grant Lands appropriation, which are BLM's principal operating accounts. The request will support an estimated 5,836 full-time equivalents (FTE) in 2027.

The budget advances the Administration's priorities related to American Energy Dominance, promoting economic growth, maintaining healthy rangelands, and reducing the cost of living. BLM is committed to facilitating and maximizing the development of the Federal surface and subsurface estate managed by BLM, pursuant to multiple Executive Orders (EO) and Secretary's Orders (SO) aimed at strengthening the country's energy independence and national security and fueling economic growth. The 2027 budget will continue efforts to improve resource management planning as well as streamline grazing

BLM Funding



permit and right-of-way (ROW) processing to achieve greater efficiencies. The budget will also be used to make BLM rangelands more productive to provide additional forage for livestock.

Management of Lands and Resources

The 2027 budget prioritizes the Trump administration's commitment to American Energy Dominance and boosting economic growth with substantial resources for BLM's oil, gas, coal, and critical mineral management programs. Increasing domestic energy production will lower energy prices for Americans, enhance our national security, and generate vital revenues for the U.S. Treasury and State governments.

Within Energy and Minerals Management, Oil and Gas Management is funded at \$115.8 million, \$7.0 million above the 2026 Enacted level, and Oil and Gas Inspection and Enforcement is funded at \$53.2 million, \$3.8 million above the 2026 Enacted level. The budget request supports BLM's efforts to implement the President's direction in EO 14154 and the

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Facts



- BLM was established in 1946 through consolidation of the General Land Office and the U.S. Grazing Service.
- The Bureau administers more than 245 million surface acres of public land and 700 million acres of onshore subsurface mineral estates—more land than any other Federal agency. Bureau management adheres to the multiple-use and sustained-yield obligations under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which includes development of energy resources; solid mineral exploration and development; timber production; domestic livestock grazing; outdoor recreation; fish and wildlife conservation; and the conservation of natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.
- BLM administers about 18,000 grazing permits and leases on nearly 155 million acres of public land in nearly 22,000 grazing allotments.
- The Bureau processed 6,702 APDs in 2025.

Secretary's corresponding SO 3418, *Unleashing American Energy*, by encouraging energy exploration and production on Federal lands and reducing burdens on the development of domestic energy resources. BLM will continue to streamline permit processing of Applications for Permits to Drill (APD) and increase lease sales in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (Public Law 119–21, as amended).

The Working Families Tax Cut Act (Public Law 119–21) resets the royalty rate for new Federal onshore oil and gas production to a minimum of

12.5 percent, reversing the 16.67 percent rate set by the Inflation Reduction Act (Public Law 117–169). Lowering the Federal onshore royalty rate reduces the cost of doing business on public lands, making oil and gas development more economically attractive to industry. Already, lease sales are setting records, with a recent BLM Utah lease sale resulting in \$10 million more than the last record-setting sale in the State. Such circumstances will spur additional leasing and drilling activity, which, in turn, supports increased domestic energy production and reduces reliance on foreign oil. BLM lease sales are supporting American Energy Dominance by



BLM geologist explains the process of gold panning and the properties of gold that make it possible at the Campbell Creek Science Center in Alaska.

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Night aerial ignition operations on the Burdick RX in the High Desert District in Wyoming.

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unlocking investment, strengthening our energy security, creating jobs, and ensuring Americans have access to affordable and reliable energy.

The budget request also supports BLM's efforts to implement EO 14153 and SO 3422, *Unleashing Alaska's Extraordinary Resource Potential*, to maximize development of the significant oil and gas resources available in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska and the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Department is restoring common-sense management of the National Petroleum Reserve and modernizing resource policy in Alaska to expand responsible development, reduce regulatory burdens, and position the reserve to deliver full economic benefits for Alaska and the country.

The 2027 budget also strongly maintains Federal coal as an important component of America's energy portfolio, given its critical role in ensuring the country has sufficient baseload electricity-generation capacity to support our modern economy. With the passage of the Working Families Tax Cut Act, BLM is opening millions of acres of Federal land for coal leasing at reduced royalty rates. The BLM is also unlocking critical minerals, indispensable to almost every industry, from mine waste. These policy initiatives put

American energy workers first and reflect the Administration's American Energy Dominance policy, ensuring abundant, affordable energy while reducing reliance on foreign sources of coal and minerals.

BLM's Land Resources programs will seek to expand the use of appropriate tools to achieve better outcomes for wild horse and burro management, rangeland health, and containment of program costs. The request includes funds within the Rangeland Management program for fuels treatment and wildfire prevention. Activities will include vegetation treatments and postfire, long-term restoration to promote the enduring health and productivity of public lands while reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. In 2027, BLM will continue efforts to improve and streamline grazing permit processing to achieve greater efficiencies and service to permittees while striving to meet the Bureau's land condition objectives. BLM will also reopen allotments that were previously closed to grazing, including those that were impacted by wild horse overpopulations. BLM will also streamline ROW processing, with an emphasis on ROW actions and cadastral services that advance the Administration's energy and economic development goals.

Within Resource Protection and Maintenance, BLM will emphasize Resource Management Plans that support Administration priorities, including developing energy and infrastructure, evaluating multi-use land plan effectiveness, and streamlining planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; Public Law 91–190) compliance processes. BLM will continue to work closely with State and local law enforcement officers to coordinate efforts and maximize program effectiveness. The Bureau will continue to focus on the highest priority abandoned mine lands and hazardous waste issues, in cooperation with State, Federal, and Tribal agencies and other partners.

Realty and Ownership Management includes several high-priority initiatives. The Alaska Conveyance program will accelerate the conveyance of land entitlements to individuals, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA; Public Law 92–203) corporations, and the State of Alaska. Specific actions will include the evaluation of withdrawn areas to make additional lands available for energy development and finalizing land conveyances, including the Alaska Vietnam Era Veterans Native Allotments. The Cadastral, Lands, and Realty Management program will focus on creating process efficiencies, reducing processing times, and eliminating workload backlogs on ROW

authorizations needed for oil, gas, and mineral development.

The budget also supports work within the Resource Management Planning program to streamline NEPA permitting through advanced technical infrastructure, expedited permitting, leveraging of artificial intelligence, and improved internal processes.

Amounts for Mining Law Administration are fully offset by revenue from mining claim maintenance and location fees. The additional funding will support BLM’s implementation of the Administration’s priorities regarding critical mineral sourcing and supply chains by enhancing BLM’s capacity for reviewing mining plans of operation and conducting inspections.

Oregon and California Grant Lands

The 2027 budget for the Oregon and California Grant Lands programs totals \$65.8 million. The program will prioritize active forest management through an increase in timber production and through forest thinning to increase resilience to catastrophic wildfire, insect and disease infestations, and drought.

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs of \$695,000 are fully funded.



A geothermal site in Nevada.

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SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Management of Lands and Resources	4,873	1,260,166	3,875	830,900	-998	-429,266
Oregon and California Grant Lands	526	115,521	500	65,798	-26	-49,723
Range Improvements	20	9,430	18	9,430	-2	0
Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures	152	0	152	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	88	30,000	89	30,000	+1	0
Subtotal, Current	5,659	1,415,117	4,634	936,128	-1,025	-478,989
Permanent						
Working Capital Fund	34	0	34	0	0	0
Land Acquisition	30	66,027	30	58,877	0	-7,150
Miscellaneous Permanent Payment Accounts	0	40,587	0	45,487	0	+4,900
Permanent Operating Funds						
Expenses, Road Maintenance Deposits	7	3,500	7	4,400	0	+900
Federal Land Disposal Account	0	52	0	0	0	-52
Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund	148	15,572	151	16,000	+3	+428
Lincoln County Land Sales	6	1,421	6	2,598	0	+1,177
NPR-2 Lease Revenue Account	0	5	0	5	0	0
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	2	500	2	850	0	+350
Oil and Gas Permit Processing Improvement Fund	293	55,312	293	56,352	0	+1,040
Recreation Enhancement Act, BLM	168	33,000	170	34,000	+2	+1,000
Southern Nevada Public Land Management	68	127,922	68	114,456	0	-13,466
Stewardship Contract Excess Receipts	0	47	0	50	0	+3
Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration	18	3,897	18	4,000	0	+103
White Pine County Special Account, 85% Federal Share	0	245	0	940	0	+695
Subtotal, Permanent Operating Funds	710	241,473	715	233,651	5	-7,822
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	6	1,650	6	1,650	0	0
Helium Fund	12	56,500	12	24,000	0	-32,500
Offsetting Collections	0	-56,500	0	-24,000	0	+32,500
Subtotal, Permanent	792	349,737	797	339,665	5	-10,072
Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other						
Allocation	1,199	0	71	0	-1,128	0
Reimbursable	334	0	334	0	0	0
Subtotal, Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other	1,533	0	405	0	-1,128	0
TOTAL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	7,984	1,764,854	5,836	1,275,793	-2,148	-489,061

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Management of Lands and Resources

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Land Resources				
Rangeland Management.....	106,346	107,846	78,873	-28,973
Public Domain Forest Management.....	11,881	10,381	6,433	-3,948
Cultural Resources Management.....	19,225	19,225	0	-19,225
Wild Horse and Burro Management.....	141,972	144,000	106,769	-37,231
Subtotal, Land Resources.....	279,424	281,452	192,075	-89,377
Wildlife Habitat Management and Aquatic Resources				
Aquatic Resources.....	55,917	55,917	26,595	-29,322
Wildlife Habitat Management.....	142,980	142,980	33,343	-109,637
Subtotal, Wildlife Habitat Management and Aquatic Resources.....	198,897	198,897	59,938	-138,959
Recreation Management				
Wilderness Management.....	14,447	18,447	0	-18,447
Recreation Resources Management.....	57,600	53,600	27,998	-25,602
Subtotal, Recreation Management.....	72,047	72,047	27,998	-44,049
Energy and Minerals Management				
Oil and Gas Management.....	102,473	108,831	115,819	+6,988
Oil and Gas Inspection and Enforcement.....	48,386	49,386	53,225	+3,839
Coal Management.....	18,945	15,945	17,552	+1,607
Other Mineral Resources Management.....	17,927	12,927	11,061	-1,866
Renewable Energy.....	19,344	25,000	0	-25,000
Subtotal, Energy and Minerals Management.....	207,075	212,089	197,657	-14,432
Realty and Ownership Management				
Alaska Conveyance.....	31,654	32,662	22,063	-10,599
Cadastral, Land and Realty Management.....	67,834	57,334	55,474	-1,860
Subtotal, Realty and Ownership Management.....	99,488	89,996	77,537	-12,459
Communication Site Management				
Communication Site Management.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Offsetting Collections—Communication Site Management.....	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	0
Subtotal, Communication Site Management.....	0	0	0	0
Resource Protection and Maintenance				
Resource Management Planning.....	72,500	60,000	40,780	-19,220
Resource Protection and Law Enforcement.....	28,000	28,500	28,618	+118
Abandoned Mine Lands and Hazardous Materials Management.....	53,000	53,000	30,245	-22,755
Subtotal, Resource Protection and Maintenance.....	153,500	141,500	99,643	-41,857
Transportation and Facilities Maintenance				
Annual Maintenance and Operations Cost.....	35,000	33,560	19,973	-13,587
Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvements.....	20,000	15,000	11,413	-3,587
Subtotal, Transportation and Facilities Maintenance.....	55,000	48,560	31,386	-17,174

APPROPRIATION: Management of Lands and Resources *(continued)*

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
National Conservation Lands	54,635	59,135	14,278	-44,857
Workforce and Organizational Support				
Administrative Support	56,000	45,973	37,277	-8,696
Bureauwide Fixed Costs	92,000	73,557	64,400	-9,157
Information Technology Management	26,700	33,714	28,711	-5,003
Subtotal, Workforce and Organizational Support	174,700	153,244	130,388	-22,856
Mining Law Administration				
Mining Law Administration	39,696	42,696	42,696	0
Offsetting Collections—Mining Law Administration	-39,696	-42,696	-42,696	0
Subtotal, Mining Law Administration	0	0	0	0
Congressionally Directed Spending	0	3,246	0	-3,246
SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,294,766	1,260,166	830,900	-429,266
American Relief Act (P.L. 118–158)	58,115	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,352,881	1,260,166	830,900	-429,266

APPROPRIATION: Oregon and California Grant Lands

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Western Oregon Construction and Acquisition	341	369	210	-159
Western Oregon Information and Data Systems	1,387	1,887	1,074	-813
Western Oregon National Conservation Lands	706	817	465	-352
Western Oregon Resources Management	102,753	101,325	57,714	-43,611
Western Oregon Transportation and Facilities Maintenance	10,334	11,123	6,335	-4,788
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	115,521	115,521	65,798	-49,723

APPROPRIATION: Range Improvements

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Farm Tenant Act (P.L. 75–210) Lands Improvement ...	1,821	1,821	1,821	0
Public Lands Improvements	8,179	8,179	8,179	0
SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATION	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Sequestration	-570	-570	-570	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	9,430	9,430	9,430	0

APPROPRIATION: Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Adopt-a-Horse Program	1,324	980	0	-980
Commercial Film and Photography Fees	2,317	25	290	+265
Copy Fee Account	452	333	720	+387
Cost Recoverable Realty Cases	0	1,691	1,000	-691
Energy and Minerals Cost Recovery	3,513	2,597	3,500	+903
Recreation Cost Recovery	4,378	3,234	5,000	+1,766
Repair of Damaged Lands	4,410	3,259	6,000	+2,741
Rights of Way Processing	28,867	21,330	21,500	+170
Timber Contract Expenses	10	7	100	+93
Trans Alaska Pipeline	2,088	1,544	3,000	+1,456
Offsetting Collections—Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures	-47,359	-35,000	-41,110	-6,110
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ oc)	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION: Miscellaneous Trust Funds

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Resource Development Protection and Management—California Off-Highway	7,119	8,000	8,444	+444
Resource Development Protection and Management—FLPMA	36,256	21,381	20,937	-444
Rights of Way	157	68	68	0
Wildlife and Fish Conservation and Rehabilitation—Sikes Act (P.L. 86-797)	0	551	551	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	43,532	30,000	30,000	0