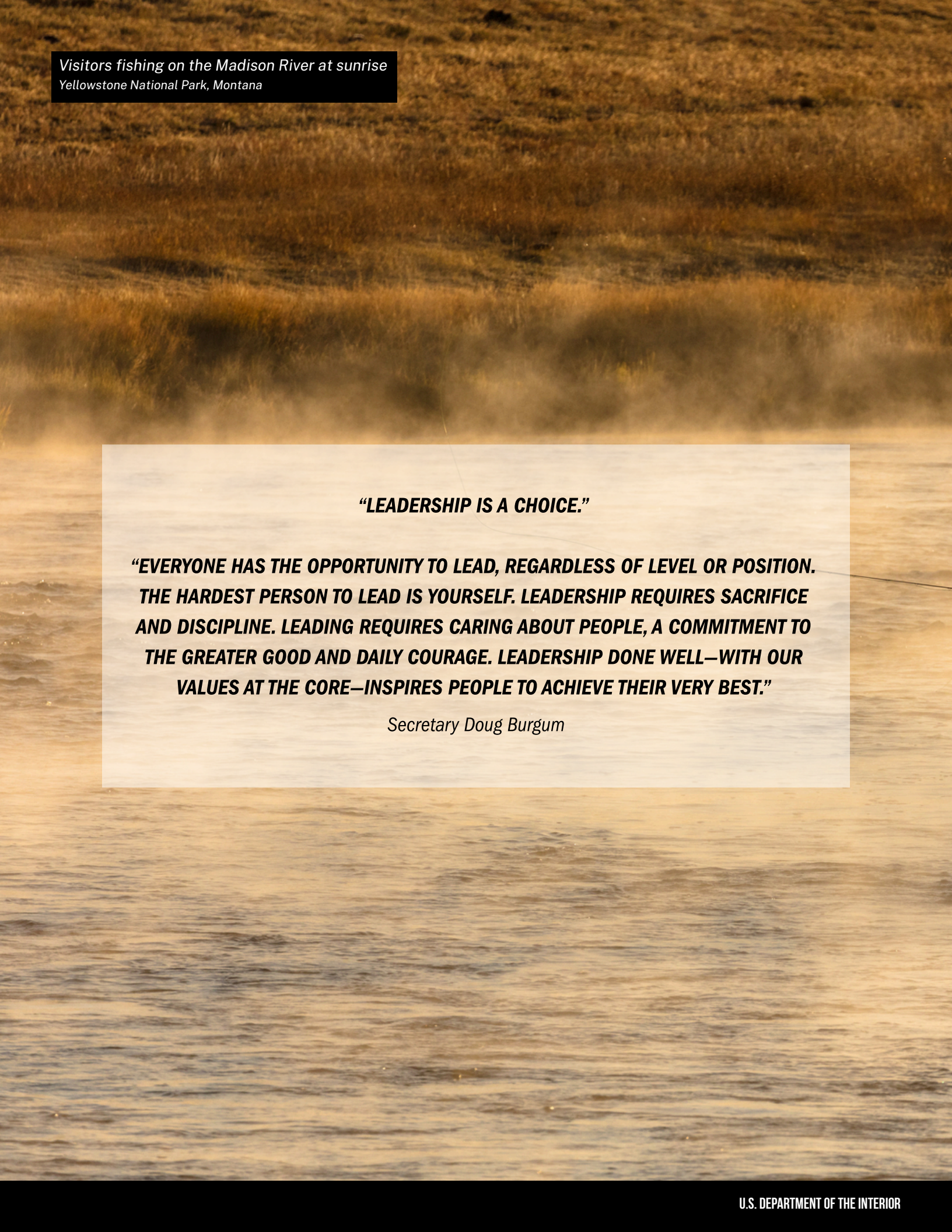


U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR STRATEGIC PLAN

2026—2030



Visitors fishing on the Madison River at sunrise
Yellowstone National Park, Montana

"LEADERSHIP IS A CHOICE."

"EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD, REGARDLESS OF LEVEL OR POSITION. THE HARDEST PERSON TO LEAD IS YOURSELF. LEADERSHIP REQUIRES SACRIFICE AND DISCIPLINE. LEADING REQUIRES CARING ABOUT PEOPLE, A COMMITMENT TO THE GREATER GOOD AND DAILY COURAGE. LEADERSHIP DONE WELL—WITH OUR VALUES AT THE CORE—INSPIRES PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR VERY BEST."

Secretary Doug Burgum



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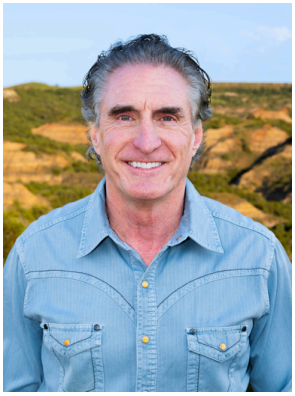
Manage Resources. Improve Lives. Create Opportunity.

OUR MISSION

Steward America's natural and cultural resources. Deliver actionable science.
Honor trust responsibilities to Tribal and Insular communities.

The sun rises over the river valley
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, Montana

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY



To the dedicated team members of the Department of the Interior and to citizens across our nation:

We are at an important inflection point. The challenges we face—and the enormous opportunities ahead—call for clarity, urgency and a commitment to measurable results. Our mission remains grounded in a simple principle: responsible, future-focused stewardship of America's natural resources to improve lives and create opportunity.

Under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, we are sharpening that mission with a renewed focus on innovation, efficiency and American strength. Our public lands and resources are national treasures—intended for the benefit and use of the American people. When managed wisely, they strengthen our economy, support our energy security, enhance our health and well-being and reinforce our national resilience.

A strong and prosperous America requires a reliable, affordable and secure energy foundation. Our partnership with the National Energy Dominance Council has highlighted the unleashed potential of our public land and resources to create jobs and drive economic growth that directly benefits states and communities across the country. Our team is actively expanding domestic energy production and securing our critical minerals supply chain—reducing reliance on foreign adversaries, accelerating innovation and protecting the global environment.

Our public land and resources belong to the people, and their sustainable use supports their communities. Timber, grazing, geothermal energy, hydropower, outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing, mining, oil and gas and more contribute mightily to every facet of American life. As President Theodore Roosevelt, who helped shape and define our department, explained: "Conservation means development as much as it does protection."

We can and *must* do both.

Americans are blessed to have, and Interior is proud to steward, more than 500 million acres of land, 700 million acres of subsurface and more than three billion acres of offshore resources. Some of this is set aside for preservation, while some are reserved specifically to benefit our country through development. These separate missions can and do complement each other.

Interior's team members have the great privilege and opportunity to deliver on this mission with the discipline and agility of a modern organization. Together, we can simplify processes and remove red tape that creates drudgery for our team members and impedes progress. We can bring forward new ideas and better ways of working. **For the first time in human history, we can turn electricity into intelligence.**

Every team member must learn quickly to harness technology to power efficiency—to find innovative ways using intelligent technologies to deliver world-class citizen services.

The path forward is clear. Let's move together with urgency and purpose to improve our citizens' experience and leave every community we serve better than we found it.

With gratitude,



DOUG BURGUM

U.S. Secretary of the Interior

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of the Interior ("the Department" or "Interior") was established in 1849 and manages the country's vast public lands, natural resources and cultural heritage, driving strategic resource development and conservation for present and future generations. Through responsible management of our nation's energy and mineral resources, timber and grazing operations and abundant recreation opportunities, Interior powers American prosperity. The Department also protects wildlife and ecosystems, manages water resources and plays a key role in federal wildland fire management and response activities. This work is done collaboratively with states, local communities and federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives and the Native Hawaiian Community (hereafter Native Americans) and with U.S. Territories and the Freely Associated States (hereafter Insular Areas). Interior consults and collaborates with its partners to balance conservation of federal lands and waters with strategic development and appropriate public access.

Today, managing America's public lands and waters is more important than ever. Through responsible stewardship and sustainable use of natural resources, the Department can increase opportunities for safe enjoyment of our public lands to sustain our communities, ensure a safe and secure future for the Nation, promote mental health and well-being and advance American Energy Dominance. Our lands, rich in energy and mineral resources, biodiversity, heritage and recreational value, are among the most valuable assets held in trust for current and future generations.

Federal lands do not exist in isolation; they intersect boundaries of states, Native American lands and local jurisdictions, and their management requires close coordination with surrounding communities. Interior is committed to being a good partner and neighbor, proactively building and executing cooperative, long-term strategies for shared economic growth, national security, environmental resilience, recreational access and stewardship of America's natural heritage.

The Department of the Interior's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026—2030 Strategic Plan outlines the goals and objectives for the next four years and the strategies that will be used to achieve meaningful results for the American people.



Visitors view wildlife at sunrise
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Department of the Interior FY 2026—2030 Strategic Plan outlines the goals and objectives of the Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum. This plan is grounded in the Department's core mission and supports Interior's ability to measure and report success to the public.

Goal 1: Expand American Prosperity	Objective 1.1: Domestic energy production increases affordability and prosperity for all Americans, grows the American economy and increases national security
	Objective 1.2: Americans benefit from strategic development of the country's natural resources
	Objective 1.3: Our natural resources are managed for the future
Goal 2: Keep Communities Safe, Beautiful and Resilient, and Expand Access to the Outdoors	Objective 2.1: Robust, modern infrastructure strengthens American resilience
	Objective 2.2: Interior protects Americans and public lands
	Objective 2.3: Reliable and efficient water supplies in the western United States are supported in an economically and environmentally sound manner
Goal 3: Promote the Enjoyment and Conservation of Our Lands, Waters, Natural Resources and Cultural Heritage	Objective 3.1: Recreational opportunities on federal lands and waters are plentiful
	Objective 3.2: Federal lands, waters and American heritage are responsibly managed
	Objective 3.3: Federal land and water resources are restored and reclaimed
	Objective 3.4: Protected species are responsibly managed and supported
	Objective 3.5: Wildland fire management is effective at protecting people, property and the environment
Goal 4: Productively Collaborate and Coordinate with States, Tribes, Communities and People	Objective 4.1: Interior upholds trust, treaty and special responsibilities to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives and the Native Hawaiian Community
	Objective 4.2: Streamlined and coordinated processes reduce red tape and strengthen collaboration with states, Tribes, local communities and Insular Areas
	Objective 4.3: Partners are provided with high-quality, reliable and accessible science information



Secretary Burgum visits the Arena Offshore Oil Rig
Gulf of America

GOAL 1
EXPAND AMERICAN PROSPERITY



Offshore oil platform Elly, 250 ft. above the ocean floor
Pacific Ocean, California

OBJECTIVE 1.1: DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION INCREASES AFFORDABILITY AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL AMERICANS, GROWS THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND INCREASES NATIONAL SECURITY

Federal lands and waters managed by the Department of the Interior represent some of the nation's most valuable assets, providing multiple benefits to the American people. Strategic development of our natural resources will provide affordable energy that the country needs for its economic health and national security.

To power the nation, the Department will accelerate energy production from reliable sources, including clean coal, oil, gas, hydroelectric, geothermal and advanced nuclear technologies. Working with the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, states and Tribes, Interior will streamline environmental reviews, expedite leasing and permitting by reforming approval processes and support the efficient generation and transport of energy resources. Ensuring sufficient and consistent energy resource production and transport strengthens America's energy grid. The Department will also encourage private investment, creating more American jobs.

Interior will pursue strategic rights-of-way agreements, land exchanges and direct transfer of lands in support of reliable energy production and transport. Doing so will lower the cost of delivering energy resources to where they are needed, reducing prices of oil and natural gas and ultimately electricity, benefiting industry and household consumers. Lower energy costs will also reduce the price of everyday necessities, such as food and housing. Together, these efforts will strengthen and grow local, state, urban and rural economies, support Tribal independence and self-governance and enhance national competitiveness and security by ensuring that domestic energy resources are managed and developed efficiently and strategically.

OBJECTIVE 1.2: AMERICANS BENEFIT FROM STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of the Interior implements a mixed portfolio of natural resource and land management strategies to generate revenue that powers the U.S. economy and enhances our global competitiveness. Interior is committed to a multiple-use approach that ensures public lands and waters can support recreation, grazing, timber sales, mining, mineral exploration and other compatible uses.

"THE DEPARTMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING RESULTS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PUTTING OUR ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK TO BENEFIT OUR CITIZENS, OUR COUNTRY AND OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE."

—Secretary Burgum

The Department is accelerating responsible offshore leasing and permitting on the Outer Continental Shelf to expand the domestic supply of deep-sea critical minerals. Across the board, the Department will reduce operational and management costs through regular and predictable leasing, streamlined permitting throughout the energy or resource lifecycle, concession agreements and other contracts and modernized tools for collection of royalties and other fees.

Interior, working with Tribes, local communities and stakeholders, will pursue opportunities for mutually beneficial land management. Consolidation of land parcels, land swaps, exchanges and negotiation for rights-of-way will simplify mixed-use land management for mineral development, grazing, timber production and agriculture.

OBJECTIVE 1.3: OUR NATURAL RESOURCES ARE MANAGED FOR THE FUTURE

The Department of the Interior is committed to meeting the country's resource needs today and positioning the U.S. for long term economic strength and national security. To support continued domestic resource development, Interior will prioritize mapping, evaluation and cataloging of our national assets, including energy deposits, critical minerals and other high-value assets. Advanced mapping is paving the way to the future and is strengthening the Department's understanding of where resources are located and the scale of their potential. Information will improve decision-making, drive informed exploration and inform long-range planning and efficient resource use. Advanced mapping of offshore critical minerals will guide development to areas with high mineral value and minimal environmental impact, supporting early, sustainable resource management. By developing reliable and up-to-date inventories of national resource assets, Interior will help ensure a stable domestic supply of energy, critical minerals, raw building materials and other important resources to build and power homes, data centers and long-term strength of the American economy.

Interior will unleash America's natural resource potential by updating federal land-use rules, leasing and permitting processes. In addition to advanced mapping, Super Intelligence and scientific data will enable the Department to expand and develop our inventory of potential resources. Together, these efforts will help the U.S. understand and actively manage its natural wealth, encourage innovation and support future development.



A USGS scientist starts her day taking readings at Hot Springs Creek
Akutan Island, Alaska



Secretary Burgum greets a USPP officer on the National Mall
National Mall and Memorial Parks, Washington, D.C.

GOAL 2
KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE, BEAUTIFUL AND RESILIENT, AND EXPAND ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS



The mighty Hoover Dam generates more than 4 billion kilowatt-hours of hydroelectric power each year
Lake Mead National Recreation Area

OBJECTIVE 2.1: ROBUST, MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE STRENGTHENS AMERICAN RESILIENCE

The Department of the Interior is responsible for managing infrastructure related to a wide array of services including water supply, recreation and education. Interior will upgrade and modernize infrastructure and facilities, providing the public with a stronger return on investment, improved service delivery and safer, more resilient communities. Improving effectiveness creates more reliable resource distribution and delivery and higher degrees of safety, meeting (and exceeding) expectations of users and beneficiaries of Interior's programs. Upgrades and new technologies build flexibility that addresses growing demand from Super Intelligence data centers, industry and growing communities. Applying new technologies and rigorous management tools will reduce legacy liabilities, like maintenance backlogs and delayed infrastructure construction and provide opportunities to pursue durable, integrated infrastructure solutions that benefit local and regional partners, industry and the American taxpayer.

Interior will upgrade key infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams and Interior-funded schools, while removing outdated assets to improve long-term efficiency and resilience. With trained project managers overseeing repairs and construction, the Department will ensure projects are safe, on time and within budget.

"WE CAN DELIVER WATER AND POWER PROJECTS FASTER TO MAKE LIFE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR AMERICANS WHILE CREATING OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY ACROSS THE WEST."

—Secretary Burgum

Interior will also work with Native American communities to improve school facilities and expand access to broadband internet, supporting high-quality learning environments and local economic growth. Combined, these efforts will make public facilities and the communities that depend upon them more resilient, with improved services and more accessible opportunities to communities across the country.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: INTERIOR PROTECTS AMERICANS AND PUBLIC LANDS

The Department of the Interior ensures the safety of people living, working and visiting public and Tribal lands through strong law enforcement and emergency management practices. Interior will strengthen its law enforcement and safety workforce to better protect public lands and federal assets. This will include enhancing the U.S. Park Police presence in Washington, D.C. to reduce crime and make the District safer for the American public. Additionally, Interior will use partnerships to support federal, Tribal and state management of border and other at-risk areas and strengthen policing and justice programs.

Interior will appropriately staff expert teams capable of providing everyday services and meeting urgent needs. The Department will help communities plan for and respond to disasters and extreme weather events — including water management to protect and reduce risks from flooding or drought — and will provide local leaders with accurate and timely information to sufficiently prepare for natural hazards in support of public safety. The Department will also advance safe offshore energy operations by emphasizing risk-based prevention and oversight, data-driven inspections and a strong industry safety culture that ensures rapid response when incidents occur.

Finally, Interior will evaluate and strengthen cybersecurity systems to protect important digital tools and information. Together, these actions will improve public safety, boost disaster readiness, recovery and resilience and protect critical resources and communities.

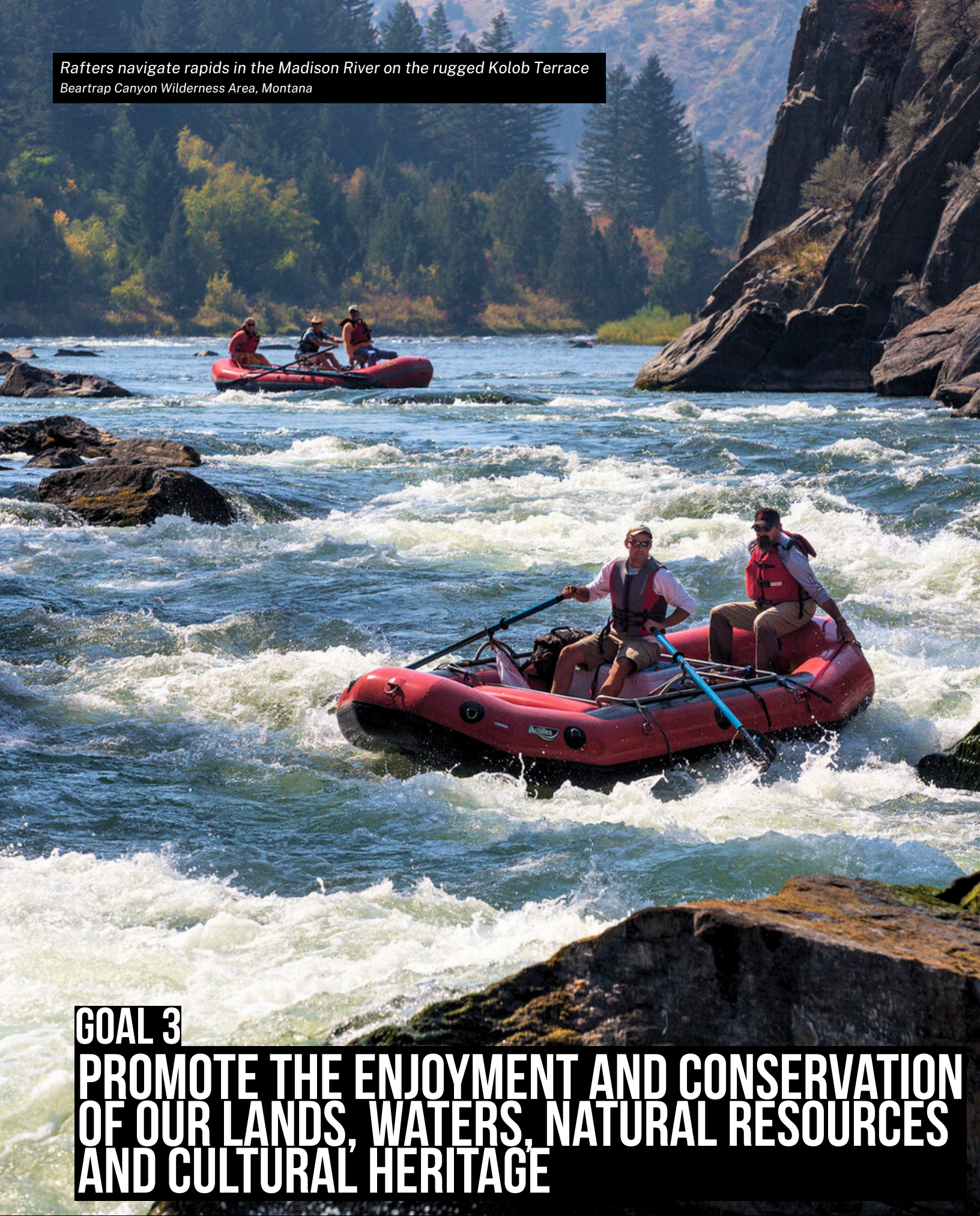
OBJECTIVE 2.3: RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT WATER SUPPLIES IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES ARE SUPPORTED IN AN ECONOMICALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANNER

In collaboration with its partners, Interior supports reliable water delivery to communities, farms and businesses while enhancing resilience to floods and droughts. Interior applies rigorous standards for continuous monitoring of water resources and changing needs in the western United States. Through modeling and predicting water availability, federal and regional managers make both informed real-time and long-range decisions about managing the rivers, reservoirs, waterways and underground water sources that serve the country.

Interior will upgrade and maintain water resources infrastructure to support water supplies in an economically and environmentally sound manner while also promoting water conservation and reuse. Interior will work with non-federal partners, including Tribes, to identify opportunities to transfer water resources infrastructure to them to enhance water resource management. Interior will expand the availability of water data to help communities and leaders guide planning and water use decisions. These efforts together will create a resilient water resources infrastructure that support farms, communities, recreation and wilderness areas.

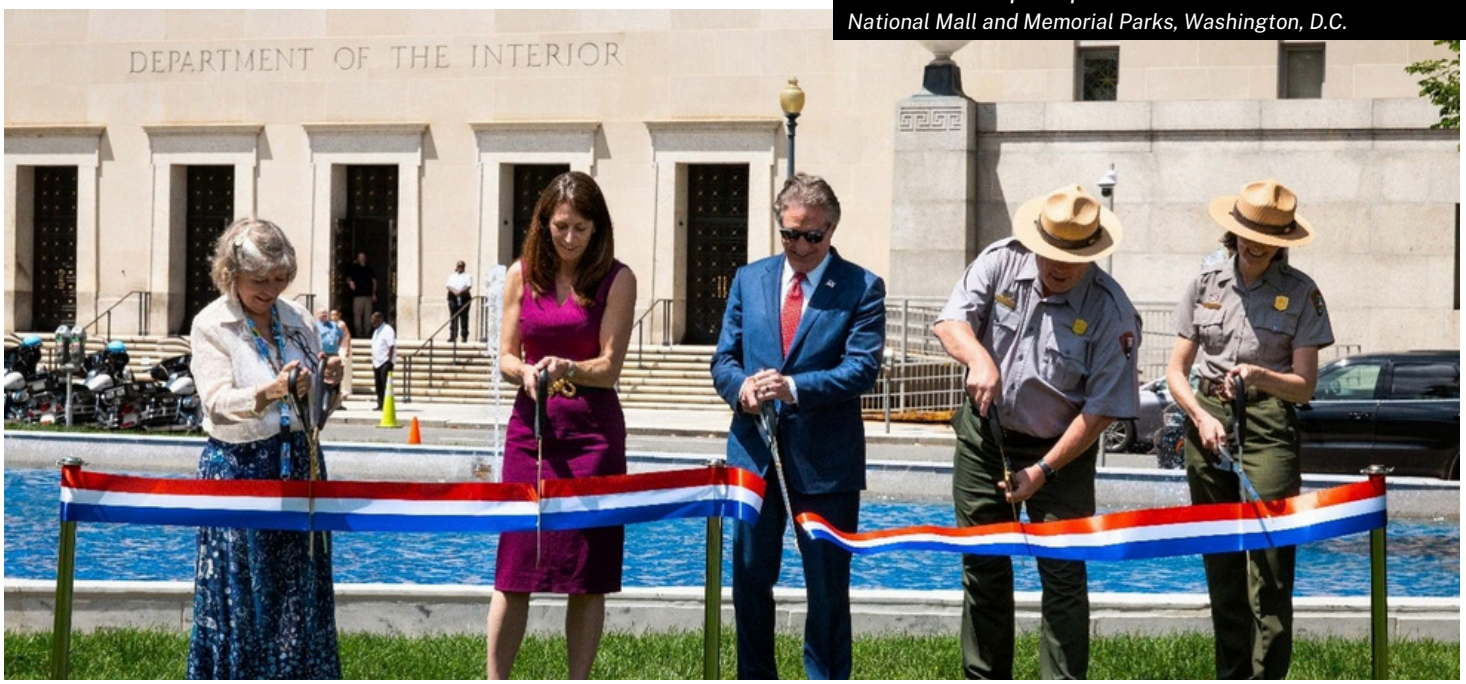


A USGS scientist performs maintenance on an eruption monitoring camera
Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai‘i



Rafters navigate rapids in the Madison River on the rugged Kolob Terrace
Beartrap Canyon Wilderness Area, Montana

GOAL 3
PROMOTE THE ENJOYMENT AND CONSERVATION OF OUR LANDS, WATERS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE



DOI leadership reopen Simón Bolívar Memorial Park
National Mall and Memorial Parks, Washington, D.C.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS ARE PLENTIFUL

The Department of the Interior manages 480 million acres of surface land that welcome over 565 million visitors each year. Interior offers recreational activities like hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and sightseeing — activities that contribute more than a trillion dollars to our nation's economy. Additionally, visitors to national parks, refuges, historic sites, reservoirs, waterways and other federally managed lands are an important contributor to local, state and Tribal, or "gateway," economies near Interior sites. These lands and waters also hold special significance to Native American communities, encompassing sacred sites and areas to follow time-honored cultural customs and practices.

"AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS BELONG TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND AMERICANS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS THEM WITHOUT UNNECESSARY BUREAUCRACY IN THE WAY."

—Secretary Burgum

The Department will pursue access for hunting and fishing opportunities for communities following traditional hunting and subsistence lifestyles. Upgrades to trails and recreational sites will allow the public to enjoy the land safely and comfortably. Interior is committed to expanding visitor access to broadband, better digital tools and physical and digital content that helps people plan, access, learn and enjoy the nation's world-class outdoor experiences. Investments, including commitments of the Legacy Restoration Fund, will strengthen underlying infrastructure and restore historical amenities and traditional sites — essential in balancing increasing public visitation and access with the imperative to conserve the history, integrity and beauty of these natural resources.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: FEDERAL LANDS, WATERS AND AMERICAN HERITAGE ARE RESPONSIBLY MANAGED

The Department of the Interior plays a vital role in honoring our nation's shared past and present, while stewarding the natural and cultural resources entrusted to its care. Through the protection and conservation of land, water and public sites, Interior ensures these national treasures are preserved for future generations. As a guardian of American history and our cultural heritage, the Department also sustains the public lands that connect people to the story of our nation. The Department will work with local communities, Tribes and partners to restore place names that honor American culture. The Department will continue to honor ancestral rights and strengthen connections to heritage by supporting the repatriation of cultural items to Native American communities and pursuing land transfer agreements.

Interior is also working with partners to improve conservation efforts through collaboration and coordination. Responsible stewardship of natural resources and voluntary conservation efforts will restore our lands and waters and protect our Nation's outdoor heritage for the enjoyment of the American people. To promote voluntary conservation efforts, Interior will shift its investment focus to conservation and recreation access easements on privately owned lands with mandatory Land and Water Conservation Funds. This effort will ensure that the federal estate does not continue to grow while at the same time increasing recreation access for the American public. Additionally, the Department will implement the Rangeland Health Initiative through coordinated public and private actions to support healthy and productive grasslands and maintain our Nation's ranching heritage.

As the country commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Interior will lead celebrations that highlight our rich history and proud cultural legacy. America's 250th birthday is a chance for people to appreciate the lands and waters that help shape the country. This includes the beautification of Washington, D.C. and the restoration of monuments and parks around the city. Interior is holding celebrations across the U.S. and will bring boldly to life our rich and storied history.

NPS is rehabilitating public spaces across Washington, D.C. as part of Freedom 250 improvements
National Mall and Memorial Parks, Washington, D.C.



OBJECTIVE 3.3: FEDERAL LAND AND WATER RESOURCES ARE RESTORED AND RECLAIMED

Active management of our lands and waters means being proactive and responsive in the face of constant change. The Department of the Interior ensures environmental protections to enable safe onshore and offshore drilling and mining and holds operators accountable for any damages. Interior works with states and local and Native American communities to restore lands and waters, supporting healthy habitats, clean water sources and recreational enjoyment of these lands.

The Department will continue to work with ecosystem restoration partners to address legacy pollution, such as that from long-abandoned mines, open wells and other historic sources. The Department will support states and Tribes in addressing high-priority abandoned coal mine hazards and returning degraded mine lands to productive use. Interior will also continue to develop innovative remediation projects and policy initiatives, ensuring that lands are able to return to multiple-use purposes. Cleaning up these impacted lands and waters will make these areas once again suitable for alternative uses that address local needs, like housing and recreation, while strengthening public health and safety, community revitalization and sustainable economic outcomes.

OBJECTIVE 3.4: PROTECTED SPECIES ARE RESPONSIBLY MANAGED AND SUPPORTED

The Department of the Interior is the steward of public lands and waters, keeping ecosystems healthy, while supporting and maximizing multiple-use and sustained yield. To accomplish this, Interior supports ecosystem health by seeking local input and facilitating hunting, fishing, grazing and other effective strategies for active land and water management. Interior also shares rigorous, reliable and open science data with partners to support informed management decisions across both public and private lands.

To support native species, wildlife managers will work cooperatively with partners to remove harmful invasive species, delist threatened and endangered species once recovered and involve local communities in decisions about managing nature and wildlife. The Department will responsibly implement the Endangered Species Act with an approach that appropriately balances conservation within the Interior mission and the Administration's other priorities. The Department will also support the transfer of the National Marine Fisheries Service's Office of Protected Resources — and its Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act responsibilities — to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This will streamline permitting and improve consistency by consolidating endangered species review, listing, recovery and consultation within a single agency rather than two coordinating agencies.

The Department will work with partners to prevent, control and eradicate invasive species and reduce their impacts to native plants, animals, rangelands, infrastructure and waterways. The Department will also strengthen and build on partnerships with other agencies, communities and private organizations for "Early Detection and Rapid Response" (EDRR) activities centered on invasive species. The Department will also advance innovative and collaborative approaches to address priority invasive species and emerging invasive species threats, such as those that exacerbate wildfire, degrade fisheries or threaten national security.

Key practices to support ecosystem health will focus on restoring habitats, monitoring key species and using integrated management practices informed by scientific research and community-based solutions. By using a combination of advanced science and traditional and local knowledge, Interior will strengthen stewardship and ensure conservation while the public enjoys the country's lands and waterways.

OBJECTIVE 3.5: WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT IS EFFECTIVE AT PROTECTING PEOPLE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Department of the Interior protects America's public lands while safeguarding communities, natural resources and critical infrastructure from the growing threat of wildland fire. Through the U.S. Wildland Fire Service (USWFS), Interior is reforming federal wildland fire management to deliver an integrated and operationally efficient program that reduces wildfire risk, creates fire-resilient landscapes, promotes fire-adapted communities and supports safe, coordinated response. Interior is strengthening organizational alignment to enhance accountability, safety and mission delivery.

Interior will advance proactive wildfire strategies by leveraging wildfire science, mapping, Super Intelligence and fire management technologies to inform decision-making and reduce long-term risk. The Department will utilize fuels management and restoration strategies to protect drinking water sources, communities and create resilient ecosystems. Through collaboration with Tribal, state and local partners, Interior will enhance preparedness, response capability, disaster resilience and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources.



A wildland firefighter douses a tree during the White Sage Fire
Jacob Lake, Arizona



Bald Eagles, icons of America, are among the greatest success stories of species rehabilitation; once endangered, they are now abundant
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska



A Jicarilla Apache song leader performing traditional song and dance
Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Colorado

GOAL 4
PRODUCTIVELY COLLABORATE AND COORDINATE WITH STATES, TRIBES, COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE



Secretary Burgum meets with students and community members while conducting an official visit to restore traditional hunting and subsistence access
Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska

OBJECTIVE 4.1: INTERIOR UPHOLDS TRUST, TREATY AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES, ALASKA NATIVES AND THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY

The Department of the Interior leads the U.S. in government-to-government relationships with federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and honors relationships with all Native American communities. Interior is entrusted with the role of upholding trust and treaty obligations to promote and enable self-governance. This also includes providing and enabling education, law enforcement and justice, economic development and fiscal management of numerous land assets and royalties.

Interior engages in regular consultation on programs and decisions that affect services, operations and major infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, water delivery systems and utilities. In the coming years, Interior will assess and upgrade investments with an increased emphasis on providing capacity and capability for broadband and communications.

The Department will strengthen relationships with Native American communities and Insular Areas. This includes expanding shared management of land, increasing investment in education and hiring teachers, supporting jobs programs, managing trust assets for beneficiaries and reducing the backlog of probate cases. These efforts support sovereignty, build more resilient communities and promote long-term economic success.

OBJECTIVE 4.2: STREAMLINED AND COORDINATED PROCESSES REDUCE RED TAPE AND STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION WITH STATES, TRIBES, LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INSULAR AREAS

Interior works with state and local governments, Tribes, U.S. Territories, Freely Associated States and international partners to achieve shared goals. Interior's partnerships empower local and regional leaders to shape solutions that fit their unique needs, knowing that the best stewards of our public lands are leaders of state and local communities whose lives and livelihoods are tied to its management.

The Department has a special relationship with Insular Areas to provide technical assistance for building and supporting efficient and effective governments. In these relationships, Interior remains committed to honoring the unique histories, cultures and needs of communities and their people.

"WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING TOGETHER TO UNLOCK THE FULL POTENTIAL OF AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND UNLEASH AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE. THAT MEANS GROWING OUR ECONOMY, CREATING GREAT-PAYING JOBS AND DRIVING DOWN COSTS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES—ALL WHILE SHOWING THE WORLD THAT AMERICAN INNOVATION IS SECOND TO NONE."

—Secretary Burgum

By growing public-private partnerships, cutting red tape and streamlining processes, the Department will help our neighbors bring in private investment and expertise to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness and create benefits for local communities. These partnerships will speed up work on key infrastructure projects like expanding broadband, improving utility services and building affordable housing, especially in rural, Insular and Tribal areas. Through these partnerships, Interior will help build resilient communities, improve access to public lands and resources, address risks of wildland fire, reduce the red tape of government and promote sustainable, local management of natural resources.

The Department will consolidate its workforce to advance operational efficiencies. The Department will work to decrease the size of the federal estate by offering to states, localities and Tribes the opportunity to purchase federal lands. Through these sales, the Department will be able to focus its resources on primary federal responsibilities and nationally significant federal lands. A portion of the proceeds will go back to the purchasing entities to use for conservation purposes elsewhere in the state, locality or Tribal land, leading to improved recreation access for American citizens, while at the same time decreasing the federal taxpayer's financial responsibility to manage federal lands.

OBJECTIVE 4.3: PARTNERS ARE PROVIDED WITH HIGH-QUALITY, RELIABLE AND ACCESSIBLE SCIENCE INFORMATION

The Department of the Interior helps communities stay safe and prepared by sharing accurate science and data with local planners and managers. With real-time monitoring, early warning systems and advanced mapping of natural hazards like floods, earthquakes, landslides and volcanoes, the Department gives communities the tools they need to prepare for and respond to environmental risks. By working collaboratively with its partners, the Department makes sure that emergency planning is based on the best available, rigorous science, helping communities reduce risks and adapt to changing conditions.

Restoration of the gold standard for science, including data transparency and acknowledgement of scientific uncertainties and assumptions, will increase the public faith in scientific enterprise and institutions and spur innovation, which will contribute to American leadership in science and technology. New research and predictive models will help managers with community water planning, especially in times of shortage and drought conditions. Additional research will focus land management measures on preventing and fighting wildland fire.

The Department will also provide reliable data that helps guide decisions on farming, land and water management, infrastructure planning and the responsible development of important natural resources. Interior is modernizing Information Technology systems to be more robust and meet the Department's and customers' future data needs. Interior science programs will help identify key resources needed for national security and economic growth, like water for agriculture and wildlife migration for subsistence, hunting and recreation. The Department continuously improves the quality of information for our partners that rely on it to achieve their goals. Meaningful exchange and sharing of data will help cities, states, businesses and Tribes make informed choices for long-term success and prosperity.



The clear night skies and the Milky Way over the foggy Humboldt Coast
King Range National Conservation Area, California

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