



Bureau of Land Management

Mission

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

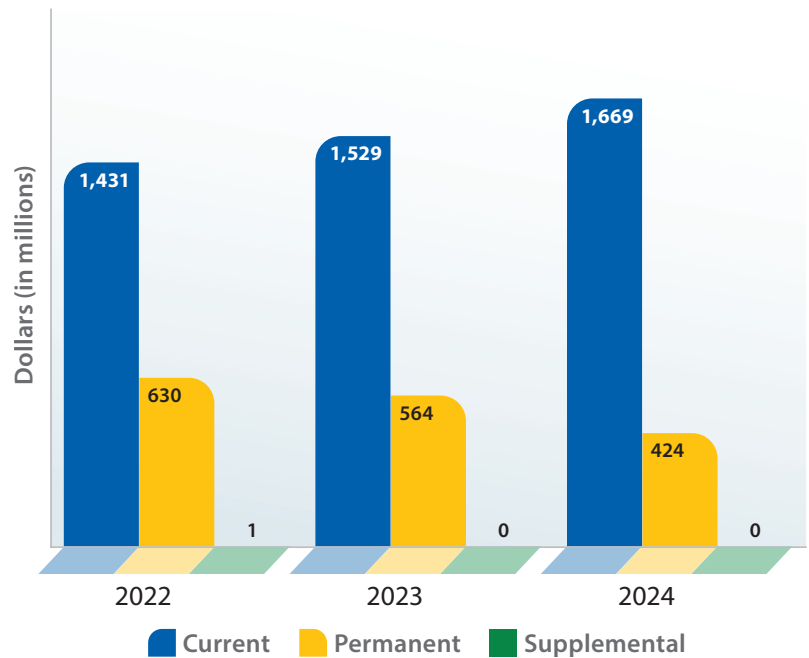
Budget Overview

The 2024 BLM budget for current appropriations is \$1.7 billion, including \$1.5 billion for the Management of Lands and Resources appropriation and \$132.7 million for the Oregon and California Grant Lands appropriation, BLM’s principal operating accounts. The budget advances the Administration’s commitment to address climate change by improving landscape resilience and adaptation and supporting clean energy development on Federal lands. The request will support an estimated 10,083 full-time equivalents (FTEs) in 2024.

Management of Land and Resources

The budget proposes increases across several programs to improve the health and resiliency of BLM rangelands, forest lands, and aquatic resources. Those efforts also support the Administration’s America the Beautiful initiative goal to conserve 30 percent of the Nation’s land and water by 2030. To support the work to be done, the budget includes \$12.0 million for youth corps programs, which will enable BLM to leverage the skills of young adults and veterans to improve the public lands, build a new generation of land and natural resource managers, and provide a pathway to

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good-paying jobs. The budget also includes an increase of \$7.0 million to support the agency’s transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs).

In Land Resources, the request for Rangeland Management is \$115.2 million, a \$2.8 million increase over the 2023 enacted level. This request reflects a program reduction of \$2.4 million in recognition of the availability of substantial ecosystem restoration funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The request for Public Domain Forestry Management is \$12.3 million, \$1.4 million above the 2023 enacted amount. A program increase of \$353,000 will enhance BLM’s capacity to improve woodland health through forest development and restoration treatments, including managing for carbon sinks, and \$542,000 will enable BLM to use youth corps programs to help implement and monitor thinning and planting projects. The request for Cultural Resources Management is \$22.1 million, \$2.1 million above the 2023 enacted level, including a \$471,000 program increase to strengthen BLM’s capacity to inventory, protect, and restore cultural, historical, and paleontological resources found on

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 244 million surface acres of public land and 700 million acres of onshore subsurface mineral estates—more land than any other Federal agency. The bureau's management adheres to the multiple use and sustained yield obligations under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which includes development of renewable and conventional 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's National Conservation Lands include 28 national monuments, 23 national conservation areas and similarly designated areas, and 260 wilderness areas.
- In 2022, with approximately 10,280 employees and 21,650 volunteers, BLM worked to conserve and protect the natural and cultural resources on public lands and provide recreational and interpretative opportunities and programs.

BLM-managed public lands. A \$791,000 increase for youth corps programs will also support those activities. The Wild Horse and Burro Management program is funded at \$154.8 million, \$6.9 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$5.6 million will help offset the rising cost of caring for excess wild horses and burros in off-range corrals and pastures, as the overall cost of feed and associated services continues to increase. BLM will continue to aggressively pursue program improvements to more effectively manage the significant program challenges.

In Wildlife Habitat Management and Aquatic Resources, the budget proposes \$73.4 million for Aquatic Resources, \$15.2 million above the 2023 enacted level. The request includes a program increase of \$9.1 million to restore degraded aquatic resources and increase their resiliency to drought, including by restoring landscape connectivity by removing fish barriers, eradicating invasive species, and working with partners to improve water quality and quantity. Those efforts will also benefit from an increase of \$3.0 million for youth corps programs. The budget request includes an increase of \$1.0 million to support inventory, monitoring, and partnerships to strengthen DOI's Alaska Subsistence Program.

The budget proposes \$162.0 million for Wildlife Habitat Management, \$13.0 million above the

2023 enacted amount. The budget provides a \$5.5 million increase to restore capacity in the Wildlife Conservation component of this program. The additional funds will increase BLM's ability to conduct projects that protect and improve the seasonal habitats and migration corridors for the thousands of important species that depend on healthy, resilient BLM lands. The request for Wildlife Habitat Management also includes an increase of \$2.0 million for BLM to support Tribal co-stewardship of lands and waters that contain cultural and natural resources of significance and value to Indian Tribes and an increase of \$2.0 million for youth corps programs.

In Recreation Management, the budget proposes \$25.7 million for Wilderness Management, \$6.5 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$3.6 million will enable BLM to restore areas adversely affected by unauthorized incursions, conduct fuels and weed treatments and native plant restoration projects, and implement measures to improve water quality. An additional increase of \$2.0 million will allow youth corps programs to engage in activities such as conducting inventories and improving the visitor experience. The budget includes \$65.4 million for Recreation Resources Management, \$9.8 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$6.8 million will support investments to expand access; improve protection of recreational and natural resources,

including making them more resilient to climate change; and improve the overall recreational experience. With an increase of \$385,000, BLM will use youth corps programs to help accomplish that work.

In Energy and Minerals Management, the budget reflects the critical role BLM plays in supporting the Administration's goal of transitioning to a clean energy economy. The budget request for Renewable Energy is \$72.5 million, \$31.6 million above the 2023 enacted level. The budget includes a program increase of \$30.7 million to build capacity and take other steps to effectively and expeditiously address the growing demand for renewable energy development and associated transmission infrastructure on public lands. Demand has been on an upward trajectory and is anticipated to surge further as a result of incentives included in the Inflation Reduction Act. The funding increase will allow BLM to build out staffing capacity in its Renewable Energy Coordinating

Offices and undertake additional planning efforts to support expanded development. Those efforts will also benefit from an \$11.0 million increase in the Resource Management Planning program for resource management plan revisions and amendments.

The budget includes \$123.5 million for Oil and Gas Management, \$10.6 million above the 2023 enacted level, which reflects the important work BLM continues to perform managing oil and gas resources on public lands. The budget includes a total program increase of \$4.5 million, of which \$2.5 million is directly tied to ensuring prompt implementation of sections 50262 and 50263 of the Inflation Reduction Act, and \$2.0 million will enhance base program capacity in areas such as processing sundry notices.

The budget request for Oil and Gas Inspection Activities is \$51.0 million, \$618,000 more than the 2023 enacted level. The requested increase will



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Idaho.

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better ensure production accountability. The budget also proposes to shift the cost of the program from appropriations to inspection fees, allowing for a reduction of \$51.0 million in BLM's discretionary request. The proposal supports Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, by eliminating fossil fuel subsidies that may slow our Nation's transition to greater clean energy development.

The request for Other Mineral Resources is \$17.2 million, \$3.7 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$3.1 million will enable BLM to restore trespass sites and other related disturbances in support of the America the Beautiful goals.

The request for Cadastral, Lands and Realty Management is \$65.2 million, \$7.0 million above the 2023 enacted level. BLM will advance the Administration's climate change goals with a program increase of \$3.4 million to address the current interest and future workloads associated with using BLM-managed lands for carbon sequestration projects. An additional \$1.0 million program increase will enhance realty capacity to address the heavy workload in this program.

The budget proposes \$97.8 million for Resource Management Planning, \$28.7 million above the 2023 enacted level. Program increases include \$11.0 million to update resource management plans, including to facilitate and expand the siting of renewable energy projects on public lands, and \$10.0 million to modernize BLM's Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) program. The AIM proposal will include creating modernized analytical planning tools to use quantitative data to inform land-use planning and resource management decision-making processes. An increase of \$6.2 million is for monitoring and data analysis of water resources.

The request for the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) and Hazardous Materials Management program is \$62.8 million, \$5.6 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$4.4 million will enable BLM to further accelerate inventorying and remediating hardrock AML sites on BLM

lands, which will complement the nationwide hardrock AML efforts in DOI's Energy Community Revitalization Program, and an additional increase of \$264,000 will enable youth corps programs to assist in this effort.

The budget proposes \$39.2 million for Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvements, \$7.2 million above the 2023 enacted level. The request includes program increases of \$4.1 million for ZEV charging infrastructure and \$2.7 million for DOI Field Communications Modernization (DIFCOM) to transition current land mobile radio and other field communications to modern technology.

The budget proposes \$42.7 million for the Mining Law Administration program, an increase of \$3.0 million over the 2023 enacted level. The amount is 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 and approving mining plans of operation and conducting inspections.

The budget includes \$72.9 million for National Monuments and National Conservation Areas, \$11.3 million above the 2023 enacted level, including program increases of \$5.3 million to enhance management and operational capacity and \$1.1 million for youth corps programs. The request also includes an increase of \$3.0 million for the Increasing Representation in our Public Lands initiative, which will support recent or potential new designations that preserve important places and tell the stories of those who have been historically underrepresented.

The budget includes \$62.1 million for Administrative Support, \$5.8 million above the 2023 enacted level. A program increase of \$2.9 million will support the conversion of BLM's vehicle fleet to ZEVs, including support for a coordinator position to support ZEV planning. The budget also includes an increase of \$833,000 to restore and enhance core capacity. The budget includes \$28.5 million for Information Technology (IT) Management, \$1.6

Orphan Well Sites



In August 2022, BLM awarded two contracts to clean up orphan well sites on BLM lands in Utah and California. One contract will allow BLM to plug 11 wells and restore the surrounding lands in the Book Cliffs region of Grand County, UT; the second contract will plug and restore BLM lands around the Sevier 14-1 well in San Luis Obispo County. The BLM contract is part of the Federal program to plug and remediate orphan well sites on public lands, which is part of a larger \$4.7 billion effort under the BIL to plug wells, create jobs, and improve public safety on Federal, State, Tribal, and private lands. Under the Federal program, BLM has forthcoming contracts to measure methane at the well sites.

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million above the 2023 enacted amount. A program increase of \$653,000 will support IT modernization, workforce, and critical infrastructure needs related to cybersecurity.

Oregon and California Grant Lands

The 2024 request of \$132.7 million for the Oregon and California Grant Lands account reflects a total program increase of \$8.0 million in Western Oregon Resources Management. The program will

support timber sales and active forest management treatments to increase forest health and resiliency to climate change and other stressors and enhance the capacity of forested areas to act as carbon sinks. The total increase includes \$2.0 million for youth corps programs.

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs of \$50.6 million are fully funded.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2024 Request with 2023 Enacted

	2023 Enacted		2024 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Management of Lands and Resources	5,498	1,368,969	5,699	1,497,069	+201	+128,100
Oregon and California Grant Lands	617	120,334	637	132,741	+20	+12,407
Range Improvements	23	9,430	23	9,430	0	0
Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures (<i>indefinite</i>)	139	34,270	147	37,687	+8	+3,417
Minus SCDF Offset	0	-34,270	0	-37,687	0	-3,417
Miscellaneous Trust Funds (<i>indefinite</i>)	86	30,000	83	30,000	-3	0
Subtotal, Current	6,363	1,528,733	6,589	1,669,240	+226	+140,507
Permanent						
Working Capital Fund	32	0	34	0	+2	0
Land Acquisition	14	69,925	14	73,877	0	+3,952
Miscellaneous Permanent Payment Accounts	3	63,344	3	52,425	0	-10,919
Permanent Operating Funds						
Expenses, Road Maintenance Deposits	12	4,300	12	4,300	0	0
Federal Land Disposal Account	0	234	0	0	0	-234
Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund	44	17,969	44	16,592	0	-1,377
Lincoln County Land Sales	6	1,065	6	1,196	0	+131
NPR-2 Lease Revenue Account	0	5	0	5	0	0
Operations and Maintenance of Quarters	1	850	1	850	0	0
Oil and Gas Permit Processing Improvement Fund	225	48,823	236	50,758	+11	+1,935
Recreation Enhancement Act, BLM	101	29,959	101	30,984	0	+1,025
Southern Nevada Public Land Management	41	321,711	41	187,178	0	-134,533
Stewardship Contract Excess Receipts	0	19	0	48	0	+29
Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration	27	4,122	17	4,050	-10	-72
White Pine County Special Account, 85% Federal Share	0	96	0	6	0	-90
Subtotal, Permanent Operating Funds	457	429,153	458	295,967	+1	-133,186
Miscellaneous Trust Funds (<i>indefinite</i>)	4	1,650	0	1,650	-4	0
Helium Fund	10	45,184	10	32,670	0	-12,514
Offsetting Collections	0	-45,184	0	-32,670	0	+12,514
Subtotal, Permanent	520	564,072	519	423,919	-1	-140,153
Allocation and Reimbursable						
Allocation	2,371	0	2,607	0	+236	0
Reimbursable	368	0	368	0	0	0
Subtotal, Allocation and Reimbursable	2,739	0	2,975	0	+236	0
TOTAL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	9,622	2,092,805	10,083	2,093,159	+461	+354

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Management of Lands and Resources

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Land Resources				
Rangeland Management.....	108,965	112,340	115,152	+2,812
Public Domain Forest Management.....	10,349	10,814	12,251	+1,437
Cultural Resources Management.....	20,053	20,026	22,101	+2,075
Wild Horse and Burro Management.....	137,093	147,888	154,787	+6,899
Subtotal, Land Resources.....	276,460	291,068	304,291	+13,223
Wildlife Habitat Management and Aquatic Resources				
Aquatic Resources.....	56,922	58,247	73,440	+15,193
Wildlife Habitat Management.....	140,747	148,938	161,983	+13,045
Subtotal, Wildlife Habitat Management and Aquatic Resources.....	197,669	207,185	235,423	+28,238
Recreation Management				
Wilderness Management.....	18,686	19,216	25,701	+6,485
Recreation Resources Management.....	60,242	55,550	65,375	+9,825
Subtotal, Recreation Management.....	78,928	74,766	91,076	+16,310
Energy and Minerals Management				
Oil and Gas Management.....	106,135	112,873	123,507	+10,634
Oil and Gas Inspection and Enforcement.....	50,402	50,402	51,020	+618
Subtotal, Oil and Gas Program.....	156,537	163,275	174,527	+11,252
Coal Management.....	16,079	16,609	17,190	+581
Other Mineral Resources Management.....	12,936	13,466	17,200	+3,734
Renewable Energy.....	30,983	40,983	72,540	+31,557
Subtotal, Energy and Minerals Management.....	216,535	234,333	281,457	+47,124
Realty and Ownership Management				
Alaska Conveyance.....	26,219	31,654	32,351	+697
Cadastral, Land and Realty Management.....	55,805	58,160	65,201	+7,041
Subtotal, Realty and Ownership Management.....	82,024	89,814	97,552	+7,738
Communication Site Management				
Communication Site Management.....	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
<i>Offsetting Collections—Communication Site Management</i>	-2,000	-2,000	-2,000	0
Subtotal, Communication Site Management.....	0	0	0	0
Resource Protection and Maintenance				
Resource Management Planning.....	67,969	69,029	97,759	+28,730
Resource Protection and Law Enforcement.....	28,038	28,568	29,302	+734
Abandoned Mine Lands and Hazardous Materials Management.....	40,133	57,166	62,798	+5,632
Subtotal, Resource Protection and Maintenance.....	136,140	154,763	189,859	+35,096

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

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Transportation and Facilities Maintenance				
Annual Maintenance and Operations Cost	44,055	44,180	45,846	+1,666
Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvements	34,980	32,007	39,157	+7,150
Subtotal, Transportation and Facilities Maintenance	79,035	76,187	85,003	+8,816
National Monuments and National Conservation Areas				
	49,274	0	0	0
National Conservation Lands				
National Conservation Lands	0	61,599	72,903	+11,304
Subtotal, National Conservation Lands	0	61,599	72,903	+11,304
Workforce and Organizational Support				
Administrative Support	53,330	56,305	62,067	+5,762
Bureauwide Fixed Costs	86,046	92,515	99,940	+7,425
Information Technology Management	26,499	26,934	28,518	+1,584
Subtotal, Workforce and Organizational Support	165,875	175,754	190,525	+14,771
Mining Law Administration				
Mining Law Administration	39,696	39,696	42,696	+3,000
<i>Offsetting Collections—Mining Law Administration</i>	-39,696	-39,696	-42,696	-3,000
Subtotal, Mining Law Administration	0	0	0	0
<i>Offsetting Collections—Oil & Gas Inspection Fees</i>	0	0	-51,020	-51,020
Congressionally Directed Spending	0	3,500	0	-3,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o supplemental)	1,281,940	1,368,969	1,497,069	+128,100
Disaster Relief Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-43)	+1,192	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ supplemental)	1,283,132	1,368,969	1,497,069	+128,100

APPROPRIATION: Oregon and California Grant Lands

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Western Oregon Construction and Acquisition	340	369	387	+18
Western Oregon Information and Data Systems	1,828	1,887	1,989	+102
Western Oregon National Landscape Conservation System	788	817	848	+31
Western Oregon Resources Management	103,557	106,138	117,957	+11,819
Western Oregon Transportation and Facilities Maintenance	10,770	11,123	11,560	+437
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	117,283	120,334	132,741	+12,407

APPROPRIATION: Range Improvements

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	9,430	9,430	9,430	0

APPROPRIATION: Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
Adopt-a-Horse Program	1,602	550	550	0
Commercial Film and Photography Fees	431	290	290	0
Copy Fee Account	0	720	720	0
Cost Recoverable Realty Cases	946	1,000	1,000	0
Energy and Minerals Cost Recovery	1,681	2,900	3,417	+517
Recreation Cost Recovery	4,491	700	3,600	+2,900
Repair of Damaged Lands	9,940	3,910	3,910	0
Rights of Way Processing	23,052	21,100	21,100	0
Timber Contract Expenses	44	100	100	0
Trans Alaska Pipeline	2,236	3,000	3,000	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o oc)	44,423	34,270	37,687	+3,417
<i>Offsetting Collections—Service Charges, Deposits, and Forfeitures</i>	-44,423	-34,270	-37,687	-3,417
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ oc)	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION: Miscellaneous Trust Funds

	2022 Actual	2023 Enacted	2024 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	22,690	30,000	30,000	0

