

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
CONTINGENCY PLAN FACT SHEET
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The BLM is the Nation's largest land management agency and has responsibility for managing 245 million surface acres, primarily in 11 Western States, including Alaska, and 700 million acres of Federal onshore mineral estate, as well as the responsibility for mineral operations and cadastral surveys on 56 million acres of Indian trust lands. The BLM is entrusted with managing 13% of the United States land mass and more than 40% of all federally-managed lands. These lands encompass a broad range of habitats, including desert, grassland, sage-steppe, forest, high-mountain, and arctic tundra. BLM managements benefits conservation and traditional land users, while contributing to the vitality of State and local economies and delivering benefits to all Americans through outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production. In the event that Congress is unable to enact appropriations for FY 2014 or a continuing resolution, most activities of the BLM will be halted.

Services and Programs that would remain operational

- Law Enforcement and Emergency Response to ensure safety of human life and protection of property across the states
- Inspection and Enforcement of Existing Oil and Gas, Coal, and other Mineral Activities
- Alaska Pipeline Operations
- Rights of Way and Construction
- Management of wild horse and burro holding facilities to include animal caretaking
- Firefighting
- Helium operations

Services and programs that will cease:

- Recreation areas, including campgrounds, visitor center and concessions
- Businesses operated by outfitters with BLM-issued permits will not be able to operate on BLM-managed public lands that are closed
- Some roads
- Non-emergency Abandoned Mine Land and hazmat mitigation
- Processing of Applications for Permits to drill for oil and gas
- Processing of lease sales, permits and other non-emergency authorizations of onshore oil and gas, coal and other minerals Permits and approvals for renewable energy and other rights of way issuances
- Endangered Species Act and cultural clearances
- Range management restoration
- Wild horse and burro adoptions
- Sand and gravel permits
- Timber sales
- Work on resource management plans, including those driven by court deadlines
- Monitoring of grazing allotments