National Conservation Lands

The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) system of National Conservation Lands includes approximately 36 million acres of nationally significant landscapes with outstanding historic, cultural, ecological, and scientific values. Congress and presidents have provided specific designations to these lands to conserve, protect, and restore them for the benefit of current and future generations.

National Conservation Lands
The National Conservation Lands system include BLM lands with the following congressional and presidential designations:
• National Monuments
• National Historic Trails
• National Scenic Trails
• Wild and Scenic Rivers
• Wilderness Areas
• Wilderness Study Areas
• National Conservation Areas
• Additional areas designated by Congress for inclusion in the system

Background
BLM created the National Landscape Conservation System (National Conservation Lands) in 2000. Congress codified the system in the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 (PL 111-11) and directed the Secretary of the Interior to manage these lands “in a manner that protects the values for which the components of the system were designated” and in accordance with any applicable law.

FY 2021 Appropriations Request

Please support $49.5 million for the Bureau of Land Management’s National Conservation Lands in the FY 2021 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management
ACCOUNT: Management of Lands and Resources
ACTIVITY: National Landscape Conservation System (National Conservation Lands)

Recent Funding History:
FY 2018 Enacted Funding: $36.819 million
FY 2019 Enacted Funding: $39.819 million
FY 2020 Enacted Funding: $43.819 million
FY 2021 President’s Budget Request: $37.634 million
FY 2021 NTHP Recommendation: $49.5 million

JUSTIFICATION: An increase in base funding for National Conservation Lands will allow for greater inventory and monitoring of cultural resources and prevent damage to the resources found in these areas, ensure proper management, and provide for a quality visitor experience.
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National Conservation Lands by State

Alaska
Iditarod National Historic Trail
Steele National Conservation Area
1 Wilderness Study Area
6 Wild and Scenic Rivers

Arizona
Agua Fria National Monument
Arizona National Scenic Trail
Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
Ironwood Forest National Monument
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
Sonoran Desert National Monument
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument
47 Wilderness Areas; 2 Wilderness Study Areas

California
Alabama Hills National Scenic Area
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument
California Coastal National Monument
California National Historic Trail
Carrizo Plain National Monument
Fort Ord National Monument
Headwaters Forest Reserve
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
King Range National Conservation Area
Mojave Trails National Monument
National Conservation Lands of the California Desert
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station
Outstanding Natural Area
Sand To Snow National Monument
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
10 Wild and Scenic Rivers
92 Wilderness Areas; 59 Wilderness Study Areas

Colorado
Browns Canyon National Monument
Canyons of the Ancients National Monument
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
Gunison Gorge National Conservation Area
McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
5 Wilderness Areas; 53 Wilderness Study Areas

Florida
Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area

Idaho
California National Historic Trail
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
Craters of the Moon National Monument
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area
Nez Perce National Historic Trail
Oregon National Historic Trail
16 Wild and Scenic Rivers
9 Wilderness Areas; 40 Wilderness Study Areas

Maryland
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail

Montana
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
Nez Perce National Historic Trail
Pompeys Pillar National Monument
Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument
1 Wild and Scenic River
1 Wilderness Area; 35 Wilderness Study Areas

Nevada
Basin and Range National Monument
Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area
California National Historic Trail
Gold Butte National Monument
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Pony Express National Historic Trail
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
46 Wilderness Areas; 60 Wilderness Study Areas

New Mexico
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail
El Malpais National Conservation Area
Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area
Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument
Prehistoric Trackways National Monument
Rio Grande del Norte National Monument
2 Wild and Scenic Rivers
18 Wilderness Areas; 48 Wilderness Study Areas

North Dakota
Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

Oregon
California National Historic Trail
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
Oregon National Historic Trail
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area
34 Wild and Scenic Rivers
9 Wilderness Areas; 87 Wilderness Study Areas

Utah
Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area
Bears Ears National Monument
California National Historic Trail
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
John Wesley Powell National Conservation Area
Jurassic National Monument
Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Pony Express National Historic Trail
Red Cliffs National Conservation Area
12 Wild and Scenic Rivers
35 Wilderness Areas; 77 Wilderness Study Areas

Virginia
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail
Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

Washington
Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail
San Juan Islands National Monument
1 Wilderness Area; 1 Wilderness Study Area

Wyoming
California National Historic Trail
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail
Nez Perce National Historic Trail
Oregon National Historic Trail
Pony Express National Historic Trail
42 Wilderness Study Areas