



Restoration and Partnership on BLM-Managed Public Lands

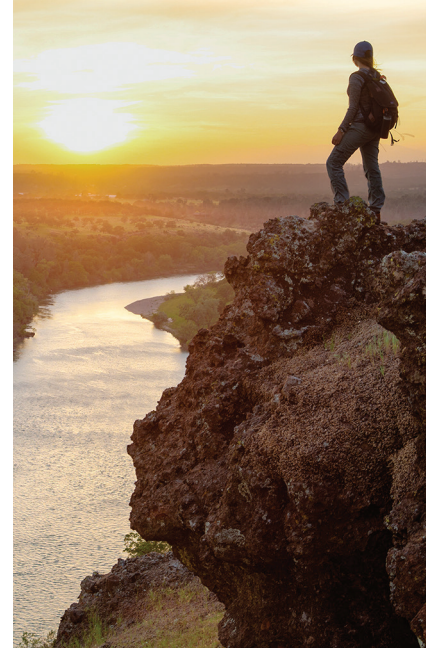
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages public lands for multiple use and sustained yield for current and future generations. The BLM authorizes energy development, grazing, mineral extraction, recreation, and conservation, while safeguarding natural, cultural, and historical resources.

Managed for and on behalf of the American people, public lands also provide essential services, such as food and fiber, clean drinking water, recreational and cultural opportunities, habitat for fish and wildlife, and forage and timber.

In addition to the nation’s subsurface mineral estate, the BLM manages 1 out of every 10 surface acres in America, mostly in the America West and Alaska.

Due to impacts from a legacy of use and rapid and significant ecological change, the need for large-scale ecological restoration is imperative to ensure public lands can continue to provide resources, essential services, natural scenic values, and experiences vital to American culture and prosperity.

In November 2024, the BLM published a restoration blueprint titled “A Critical Call to Restore Our Public Lands” to build upon and increase the scale and efficacy of its efforts to restore public lands.



The long-term success of the restoration blueprint hinges on the collaboration of partners who understand the critical importance of healthy public lands for the future of the country, and who will join the BLM in taking up this call.

THE RESTORATION BLUEPRINT FOCUSES ON THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

1. Ensure Clean Water



An estimated 1 in 10 Americans in the West receives drinking water from BLM-managed rivers and streams.

To ensure clean rivers and streams, the BLM is using nature-based solutions to connect rivers to their floodplains, improving fish habitat and increasing water quality and storage.



2. Protect Communities from Wildfire



About 38% of BLM-managed public lands in the lower 48 states are in the wildland urban interface.

By combining fuels management with community engagement, the BLM is aggressively working to minimize the risk and impact of wildfires in changing western landscapes.



3. Promote Productive Rangelands



More than 34% of grazing allotments on BLM-managed public lands are considered unhealthy (i.e., moderately to severely) largely due to the wildfire-invasive cycle.

By implementing land health standards and working closely with ranchers to adopt sound range management practices—such as resting grazing allotments and timing grazing to favor native plant growth—the BLM is reducing the spread of invasive grasses on public lands.



4. Provide Healthy Fish and Wildlife Habitat



The BLM manages habitat for more than 3,000 species, whose health serves as a key indicator of the overall condition of our lands and waters.

To address the diverse threats facing fish and wildlife habitat, the BLM is implementing targeted restoration and stewardship actions, such as restoring wetlands, removing aquatic barriers in rivers and streams, and reducing habitat fragmentation and disturbance.



5. Deliver Exceptional and Unique Outdoor Recreational Experiences



Outdoor recreation on BLM-managed public lands has increased 40% since 2012, booming to more than 80 million visits in 2023.

The BLM is focusing restoration on improving key recreational experiences to enhance the health of public lands and strengthen the bond of stewardship between the nation and its treasured landscapes.



In addition to the five goals, the restoration blueprint introduces the BLM's approach to advance restoration, including:

- Enhance restoration partnerships.
- Expand the use of native seeds.
- Focus restoration investments.
- Better integrate restoration programs.

This is a pivotal moment to help support the prosperity of the county and preserve the lifestyles and livelihoods that define our western heritage. By coming together, we can foster healthy and resilient public lands for the benefit of the American people today and for generations to come.