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### ***Keeping Public Lands in Public Hands!***

#### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & ACTIVITIES**

Your membership in the PLF supports our efforts in advocating and working for the retention of America's National Public Lands under public ownership. PLF influences public policy related to the public lands and provides information to legislators. As a member, you can help counter the misguided attempts in State legislatures, Congress, and by non-government organizations to "take back the public lands." These attempts are an attack on our heritage and values of retaining the public lands for the use and enjoyment of all Americans. Additional benefits and activities include:

- ❖ Quarterly newsletter—*The Public Lands Monitor*.
- ❖ Receive the *Register of BLM Retirees*.
- ❖ "Remembering BLM" Facebook page to help facilitate contacts and communications between BLM retirees and other members.
- ❖ Contribute to the PLF Archives, a collection of historical materials related to BLM-administered lands and its people.
- ❖ Annual meetings to analyze National System of Public Lands issues.
- ❖ Biennial Student Congress and annual scholarships to college students.

#### **YOU CAN HELP**

- ❖ By joining the PLF. Your membership helps make the PLF's work possible.
- ❖ By putting your expertise and knowledge to work to improve the health and sustainability of the National System of Public Lands.
- ❖ By contributing historical information and documents to the PLF Archives.
- ❖ By contributing information about BLM activities, issues, and retirees to our PLF website, social media, publications and *Register of BLM Retirees*.
- ❖ By participating in the activities of local PLF Chapters.

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in the management of the lands administered by the BLM.

**Join now** and receive quarterly issues of our popular newsletter, *The Public Lands Monitor*.

**Visit the PLF's website at**  
[www.publicland.org](http://www.publicland.org) **and find us on social media for more information.**



Join online on our website or make check payable to the Public Lands Foundation and send it along with this application to the above address.

#### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- BLM Retiree
- Current BLM Employee
- Other

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- \$35 Regular
- \$50 Family
- \$50 Contributing
- \$100 Sustaining
- \$200 Sponsoring
- \$500 or more Patron

#### \$350 - **LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES**

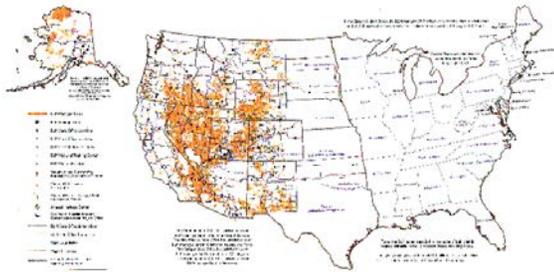
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## THE PUBLIC LANDS

The National System of Public Lands (NSPL), managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), comprises about 245 million surface acres located in 28 States, including Alaska, (about one-eighth of the total land surface of the United States), and 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. The majority of these public lands are located in the 11 Western States and Alaska.

*Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)*



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The BLM is an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior. President Harry S. Truman created the BLM in 1946 by combining two existing agencies: the General Land Office and the Grazing Service. The mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." The BLM's holdings were described originally as "the land nobody wanted" because homesteaders had passed them by. Activities on BLM-managed lands annually contribute over \$100 billion to the Nation's economic output and support nearly 450,000 domestic jobs through extractive and non-extractive uses of those lands.



## PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION (PLF)

The demands on land managed by BLM are numerous and often conflicting and its multiple use management mission is challenging. We work closely with the BLM on issues and opportunities to maximize environmental protection while providing development opportunities for the private sector for the myriad of multiple uses defined in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and other laws as appropriate.

The PLF uses our quarterly publication, the *Public Lands Monitor*, our website and social media to keep the public informed of what it and BLM are doing and to explain how to participate in the management of the public lands.

- ❖ PLF is a nonprofit and tax-exempt organization that is not affiliated with or a part of the BLM.
- ❖ Membership is open to current BLM employees, BLM retirees, and all who have an interest in how the National System of Public Lands is used and managed.

## PLF's MISSION

The PLF is a national non-profit membership organization that advocates and works for the retention of America's NSPL in public hands, professionally and sustainably managed for responsible use and enjoyment by American citizens. PLF endorses and embraces the multiple use mission of the BLM. Most of our members spent their careers managing these public lands located throughout the West. They have personal knowledge of these lands and unparalleled expertise in their management.

## PLF's GOALS

- ❖ Keep the National System of Public Lands in public ownership and open to responsible use by the public.
- ❖ Support multiple use management of these lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
- ❖ Inform the BLM of concerns the PLF may have on the way that BLM lands are being managed no matter what the issues may be, and to make recommendations to mitigate those concerns.
- ❖ Encourage professionalism by BLM employees and recognize achievements of professionals and stakeholders.
- ❖ Increase the public's understanding of, and support for, the proper management of the NSPL.
- ❖ Encourage contact, communication and coordination among users of BLM-managed lands and interest groups.
- ❖ Facilitate contact and communication among BLM retirees.
- ❖ Retain records of BLM's history and its employees.