



Statement of Support for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Employees

The BLM is an organization located within the Department of the Interior. It has the responsibility for managing one in ten acres in the United States. These public lands are a gift to past, current, and future generations. Career BLM employees are among the hardest working and most dedicated in the entire Federal workforce. Their charge to administer public lands for the benefit of all Americans is among the hardest and most complex mandates in the Federal Government.

The work accomplished by career BLM employees has a profound effect on ranchers, recreationists, miners, oil and gas developers, wildlife and wildlife agencies, cultural and historical resources, homeowners, states, counties, and many more sectors of society. BLM's culture is built on collaboration. Revenues from the programs managed by BLM employees annually return much more money to the U.S. Treasury than it costs to cover their salaries.

Even at its fully authorized staffing level of 10,000 employees, BLM lacks the resources to fully manage the public lands. The current staffing level is significantly less than that number. The per acre dollars allocated to BLM via Congressional appropriations are much less than any other Federal land management agency. Despite this, BLM employees routinely find a way to get the job done. Any attempt to further erode the resources needed to manage the public lands will have a devastating impact on everyone who relies on public lands for their livelihoods and well-being.

The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) is a nonprofit organization whose membership is comprised primarily of retired BLM employees. As former civil servants who spent their careers working for the American people, we understand the value of the jobs that BLM employees perform. Their worth cannot be overstated as what they do benefits us all.

Please join us in advocating for BLM employees by writing to your Congressional delegation, touting the benefits of public lands and those who manage them to everyone you meet, and supporting organizations that are working to protect Federal civil servants.