

# MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS



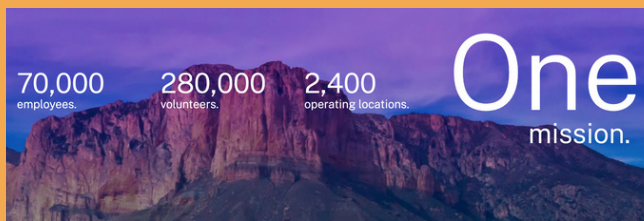
Federal public lands are all those properties that are owed by the federal government and are available (at some level) to be used by the general public.

Federal-relating to or denoting the central government of the United States.

Federal lands are managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Department of the Interior is managed and headed by the Department of the Interior Secretary- a cabinet position appointed by the current President of the United States

## WHAT DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DO?



## HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Originally the Department of the Interior oversaw a host of different aspects of the government- everything from overseeing new colonies to managing patents and pensions.

Today the Department of the Interior is the umbrella organization that oversees the use and management of federal lands and properties.

"The U.S. Department of the Interior protects and manages the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors its trust responsibilities or special commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated Island Communities."

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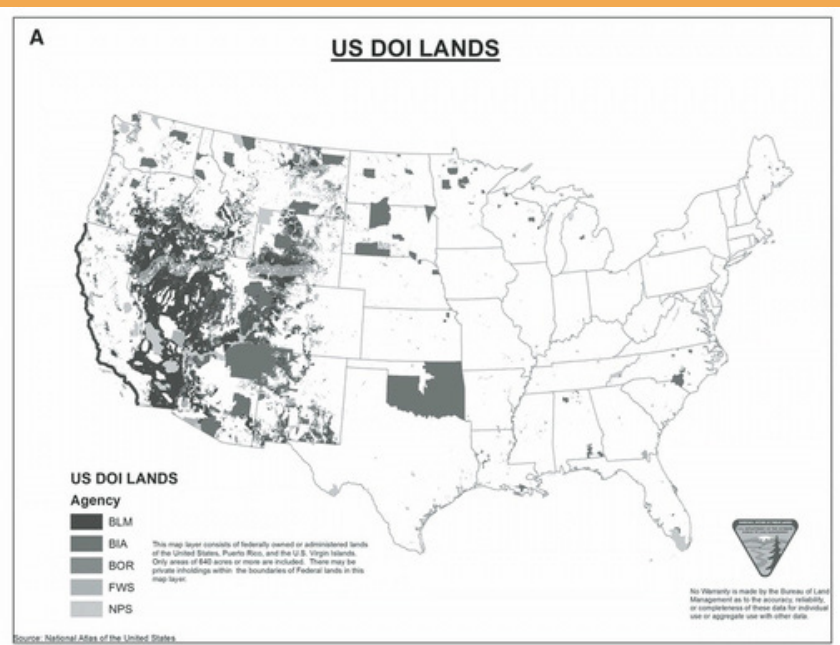
## OVERSEES OTHER AGENCIES

The Department of the Interior oversees many other government agencies- each with their own areas of authority.



The exception is the US Forest Service which is managed by the United States Department of Agriculture and Manages about 25% of all federal lands.

## WHERE ARE FEDERAL LANDS?



99.9% of all Federal Lands are located in the 12 Western States.

80.1% of Nevada is Federal Land

California has the most National Parks- 9

Alaska has 21.9 million acres of National Forest land.