



# The Economic Value of Quiet Recreation on BLM Lands

The Bureau of Land Management oversees 246 million acres of public land across 11 western states and Alaska. In 2014, there were more than 60 million visits to these lands, nearly two-thirds of which were by people enjoying quiet (nonmotorized) recreation activities, like camping, hunting, hiking, and fishing. These visitors spent some \$1.8 billion in communities within 50 miles of recreation areas, supported nearly 25,000 jobs, and generated \$2.8 billion for the overall U.S. economy.

## Arizona

In Arizona alone, there were **3.5 million visits** to the state's **12.2 million acres** of BLM lands in 2014 to enjoy nonmotorized outdoor activities.



**\$162 million**

in overall spending impact—the value of goods and services produced, the broadest measure of economic activity.



**\$154 million**

in total direct spending on quiet recreation visits within 50 miles of recreation sites.



**\$52 million**

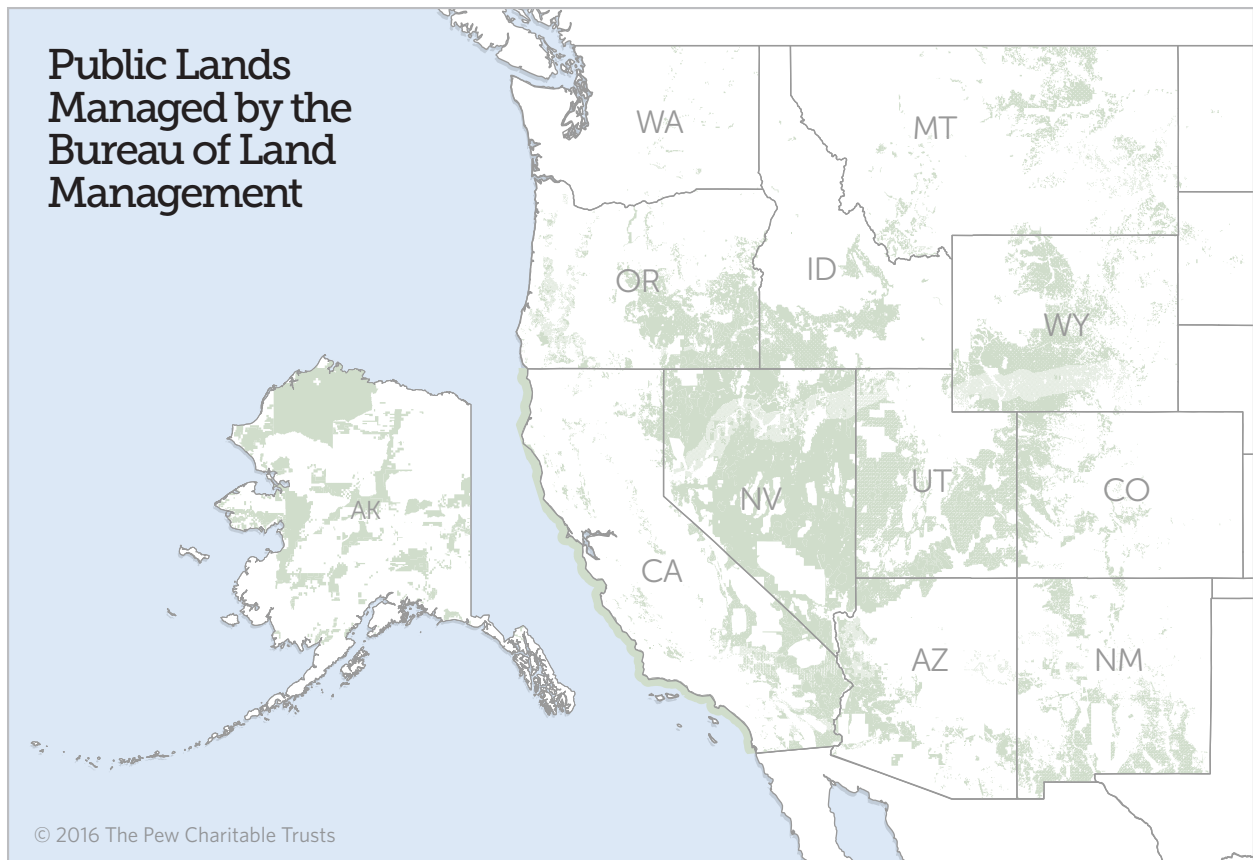
generated in personal income to people specifically tied to quiet recreation on BLM lands, including wages, salaries, and benefits.



**1586 jobs**

supported locally as a result of quiet recreation visits to BLM land.

## Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management



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