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—from the northern boreal forest and rugged alpine peaks to colorful canyons and fragile desert ecosystems.

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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.

- **$2.8 billion** in overall spending impact—the value of goods and services produced—the broadest measure of economic activity.
- **$1.8 billion** in total direct spending on quiet recreation visits within 50 miles of recreation sites.
- **$800 million** generated in personal income to people specifically tied to quiet recreation on BLM lands, including wages, salaries, and benefits.
- **25,000 jobs** supported locally as a result of quiet recreation visits to BLM land.
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