



Public Lands Rule and the CCS

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Public Lands Rule

The Public Lands Rule delivers on the Bureau's promise to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for present and future generations.

Conservation and Landscape Health

A Rule by the [Land Management Bureau](#) on 05/09/2024



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AGENCY:
Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION:
Final rule.

SUMMARY:
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) promulgates this final rule, pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, and other relevant authorities, to advance the BLM's multiple use and sustained yield mission by prioritizing the health and resilience of ecosystems across public lands. To support ecosystem health and resilience, the rule provides that the BLM will protect intact landscapes, restore degraded habitat, and make informed management decisions based on science and data. To support these activities, the rule applies land health standards to all BLM-managed public lands and uses, codifies conservation tools to be used within FLPMA's multiple-use framework, and revises existing regulations to better meet FLPMA's requirement that the BLM prioritize designating and protecting areas of critical environmental

DOCUMENT DETAILS

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Agencies:
[Department of the Interior](#)
[Bureau of Land Management](#)

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New Opportunities

- Conservation is now a commodity
- Open to:
 - Public/Permittees
 - Mitigation/Conservation Banks
 - Conservation Districts
 - State Wildlife Agencies
- States explicitly that restoration or mitigation leases would only be authorized if they do not conflict with existing authorizations
- Leases do not override valid existing rights, privileges or preclude other, subsequent authorizations compatible with the lease



Further Work is Needed

- Implementation Guidance for BLM use still being created
- Still in conversations with our Science Team to figure out how to implement with the CCS
 - Time Frame Concerns
 - Durability
 - Land Health Standard Requirements
 - Land Health Standards at minimum must be met before a lease can be authorized



Criteria for Land Transactions to Benefit Conservation

- Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA)
 - Created in 2000, reauthorized in 2018 for perpetuity
 - The BLM can purchase or exchange land for accessibility to other public lands and consolidation of checkerboarded areas
 - Article mentioned just emphasizing that land can also be purchased by the federal government for conservation purposes



More Information

- Actual Rule:

- <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-F/part-6100>
- <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-F/part-1600>
- Preamble/summary:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/05/09/2024-08821/conservation-and-landscape-health>

Policy & Implementation

Information Bulletin 2024-035 | [Implementation Guidance](#)

- Website:

- <https://www.blm.gov/public-lands-rule>

Fact Sheets

- [General](#)
- [ACECs](#)
- [Land Health](#)
- [Restoration & Mitigation Leases](#)
- [Infographic](#)