BLM Wilderness Study Areas



Tags

Alaska, Arizona, Authorizations, biota, BLM, boundaries, Bureau of Land Management, California, Colorado, Eastern States, environment, Fire, Forest, geoscientificInformation, Geospatial, Hydrology, Idaho, inlandWaters, Jurisdiction, location, Management, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, planningCadastre, Public Lands, Recreation, United States, Utah, Western States, Wilderness, Wildlife, Withdrawal, Wyoming

Summary

This dataset contains the polygons that define the boundaries of the BLM National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Wilderness Study Areas and Other Related Lands. In June 2000, the BLM responded to growing concern over the loss of open space by creating the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). The NLCS brings into a single system some of the BLM's premier designations. The Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, and Other Related Lands represent three of these eleven premier designations. By putting these lands into an organized system, the BLM hopes to increase public awareness of these areas' scientific, cultural, educational, ecological and other values. The data standard for these boundaries will assist in the management of all eleven designations within the NLCS. Particularly, NLCS data pertains to the following BLM groups and their purposes: Land Use Planners, GIS Specialists, NLCS team leads, BLM managers, and public stakeholder groups.

Description

Feature Class for the BLM Wilderness Study Areas and BLM Other Related Lands data covered by the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Data Standard. In particular, this feature class includes the polygon features representing the spatial extent and boundaries of the BLM National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Wilderness Study Areas. A Wilderness is a special place where the earth and its community of life are essentially undisturbed; they retain a primeval character, without permanent improvements and generally appear to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature. In 1964, Congress established the National Wilderness Preservation System and designated the first Wilderness Areas in passing the Wilderness Act. The uniquely American idea of wilderness has become an increasingly significant tool to ensure long-term protection of natural landscapes. Wilderness protects the habitat of numerous wildlife species and serves as a biodiversity bank for many species of plants and animals. Wilderness is also a source of clean water. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 directed the Bureau to inventory and study its roadless areas for wilderness characteristics. To be designated as a Wilderness Study Area, an area has to have the following characteristics: Size - roadless areas of at least 5,000 acres of public lands or of a manageable size; Naturalness - generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature; Opportunities - provides outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation. In addition, Wilderness Study Areas often have special qualities such as ecological, geological, educational, historical, scientific and scenic values. BLM National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Other Related Lands are lands not in Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas that have been determined to have wilderness character through inventory or land use planning. These lands fall into one of two categories.

The first category are lands with "wilderness value and characteristics". These are inventoried areas not in Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas that have been determined to meet the size, naturalness, and the outstanding solitude and/or the outstanding primitive and unconfined recreation criteria. The second category are "wilderness characteristic protection areas". These are former lands with "wilderness value and characteristics" where a plan decision has been made to protect them. This dataset is a subset of the official national dataset, containing features and attributes intended for public release and has been optimized for online map service performance. The Implementation Guide represents the official national dataset from which this dataset was derived.

Credits

BLM Admin State

Use limitations

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Extent

West -124.080830 East -105.427386 North 48.071246 South 32.345997

Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in) 1:5,000 **Minimum (zoomed out)** 1:150,000,000

Topics and Keywords

Themes or categories of the resource biota, boundaries, environment, geoscientificInformation, inlandWaters, location, planningCadastre

* CONTENT TYPE Downloadable Data

PLACE KEYWORDS Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Eastern States, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming

TITLE BLM-STATE

PLACE KEYWORDS United States, Western States
THESAURUS
TITLE NONE

THEME KEYWORDS Fire, Forest, Geospatial, Hydrology, Management, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Withdrawal
TITLE BLM-THEME

THEME KEYWORDS Authorizations, BLM, Bureau of Land Management, Jurisdiction, Public Lands
THESAURUS
TITLE NONE

Citation

TITLE BLM Wilderness Study Areas

PUBLICATION DATE 2024-01-05

PRESENTATION FORMATS digital map

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT vector digital data

OTHER CITATION DETAILS

This is an aggregate national dataset. Source data were received from all or some of the BLM state offices of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Eastern States, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon/Washington, Utah, and Wyoming.

Citation Contacts

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RESPONSIBLE PARTY
ORGANIZATION'S NAME U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
CONTACT'S ROLE originator
RESPONSIBLE PARTY
ORGANIZATION'S NAME Bureau of Land Management
CONTACT'S ROLE publisher
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Resource Details

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DATASET LANGUAGES * English (UNITED STATES)

DATASET CHARACTER SET utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

STATUS under development

SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE vector
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

A published revision of the Department Manual's Part 305: Departmental Science Effects, Chapter 3: Integrity of Scientific and Scholarly Activities (305 DM 3), effective December 16, 2014, is available online at http://elips.doi.gov/ELIPS/DocView.aspx?id=4056. Scholarly information considered in Departmental decision making must be robust, of the highest quality, and the result of as rigorous scientific and scholarly processes as can be achieved. Most importantly, it must be trustworthy. This policy helps us to achieve that standard (http://www.doi.gov/scientificintegrity/index.cfm).

Each state office has a Data Steward or Contact Person for this data. Please contact the specific state office for additional information on their state dataset.

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PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Esri ArcGIS 10.1.1.3143
CREDITS
BLM Admin State
ARCGIS ITEM PROPERTIES
* NAME blm wsa 240122 v1
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Extents

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EXTENT

GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

BOUNDING RECTANGLE

WEST LONGITUDE -124.420457

EAST LONGITUDE -103.821063

SOUTH LATITUDE 31.332281

NORTH LATITUDE 49.000115

EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE YES
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    BOUNDING RECTANGLE
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      SOUTH LATITUDE 32.345997
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  * EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes
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Resource Points of Contact

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Resource Maintenance

RESOURCE MAINTENANCE
UPDATE FREQUENCY as needed

Resource Constraints

CONSTRAINTS

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Access constraints other restrictions

OTHER CONSTRAINTS

None, these data are considered public domain

LEGAL CONSTRAINTS

Access constraints other restrictions

OTHER CONSTRAINTS

Other Constraints

LEGAL CONSTRAINTS

USE CONSTRAINTS other restrictions

OTHER CONSTRAINTS

Other Constraints

Spatial Reference

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Spatial Data Properties
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VECTOR
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    * OBJECT TYPE composite
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    * SPATIAL INDEX TRUE
    * LINEAR REFERENCING FALSE
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Data Quality

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SCOPE OF QUALITY INFORMATION
  RESOURCE LEVEL dataset
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DATA QUALITY REPORT - QUANTITATIVE ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY MEASURE DESCRIPTION

This national dataset is an aggregation from multiple datasets provided by the BLM Administrative States, please contact the distributor for additional information on provenance, history, accuracy and quality of the data. The accuracy of attributes in this dataset reflects that of the source datasets. Attribute accuracy was tested by validating attribute coded values against accepted domain values, checking that alpha-numeric values followed a valid format, and checking that numeric values were greater than zero.

DATA QUALITY REPORT - CONCEPTUAL CONSISTENCY

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

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DATA QUALITY REPORT - COMPLETENESS OMISSION MEASURE DESCRIPTION

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DATA QUALITY REPORT - ABSOLUTE EXTERNAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY DIMENSION horizontal

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

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Lineage

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PROCESS STEP

WHEN THE PROCESS OCCURRED Unknown
DESCRIPTION
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Using the implementation guidelines, GIS staff at BLM field and state offices cross-walk and clean up their data to comply with the standardized national dataset. Then, the BLM field and/or state offices submit the data to the National Operations Center (NOC), where it is compiled to produce seamless national datasets. This process of data replication to the National Operations Center is intended to occur on a monthly basis.

PROCESS CONTACT

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SOURCE DATA

RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROCESS STEP used

PROCESS STEP

WHEN THE PROCESS OCCURRED 2024-01-05

DESCRIPTION

Changes that are made to the NLCS Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas data internally are reviewed for correctness before being applied externally. Correctness would include location and point attributes.

PROCESS CONTACT

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SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

This official BLM Data Management handbook contains information about how data is administered, managed, and tracked. This handbook discusses how the BLM operates with regard to data development and design, quality, metadata, and business rules. The information this resource contains also pertains to geospatial data.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME online link
SOURCE CITATION

TITLE H-1283-2 Data Administration and Management Handbook

PUBLICATION DATE 2014-12-05

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

publication date

TEMPORAL EXTENT

DATE AND TIME 2014-12-05

SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

This document describes the physical design for the national data standard for the geospatial dataset. It is intended as a guideline for implementation. States may extend and expand upon this guideline in order to meet their specific needs, provided that when the data is pushed up to the national level, it will meet the minimum requirements as set forth in the Data Standard

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME online link
SOURCE CITATION

TITLE BLM National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Implementation Guidelines Publication Date 2010-08-20

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EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

publication date

TEMPORAL EXTENT

DATE AND TIME 2010-08-20
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Distribution

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      BLM NLCS Wilderness Study Area Polygons
    DEFINITION SOURCE
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See the BLM NLCS Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas Data Dictionary contained in Layer Package

FIELD OBJECTID
FIELD DESCRIPTION
OBJECTID

FIELD NLCS_ID

FIELD DESCRIPTION

NLCS Unique Identifier: The primary key for NLCS will be 10 digits. The first four will be "NLCS" and the last six digits will be a sequential number.

FIELD NLCS NAME

FIELD DESCRIPTION

NLCS Name: The name of a nationally significant designated area with scientific, cultural, educational, ecological and other values.

FIELD CASEFILE NO

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Casefile Number: The serialized case number for each NLCS area. A case file sets aside the land as an NLCS, withdraws the area from certain uses, and registers this withdrawal on the Master Title Plats.

FIELD WSA RCMND

FIELD DESCRIPTION

WSA Recommendation: The name that indicates the BLM recommendation on wilderness suitability.

FIELD ADMIN ST

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Administrative State Code: An alphabetic abbreviation that represents each of the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the outlying areas of the United States, and associated areas. FIPS PUB 5-2

FIELD ROD DATE

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Record of Decision Date: The date on which the decision is signed by the person who has approval authority for the decisions.

FIELD GlobalID

FIELD DESCRIPTION

GlobalID: Software generated value. A field of type UUID (Universal Unique Identifier) in which values are automatically assigned by the geodatabase when a row is created. This field is not editable and is automatically populated when it is added for existing data.

FIELD created_user

FIELD DESCRIPTION

ESRI generated field for tracking edits

FIELD created date

FIELD DESCRIPTION

ESRI generated field for tracking edits

FIELD last_edited_user

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FIELD last_edited_date

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ESRI generated field for tracking edits

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FIELD DESCRIPTION

The description of the feature

FIELD WEBLINK

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The hyper link for the site if one exists

FIELD PHOTO_LINK

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The link to the full size photo

FIELD PHOTO BLOB

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The description of the photo of the site

FIELD PHOTO THUMB

FIELD DESCRIPTION

The thumbnail size image that will display in the map, but will link through to the full size image when clicked on.

OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

ENTITY AND ATTRIBUTE OVERVIEW

See the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area Data Dictionary in the Zipped Folder

Metadata Details

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Scope of the data described by the metadata dataset
Scope Name * dataset
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  METADATA STYLE FGDC CSDGM Metadata
  STANDARD OR PROFILE USED TO EDIT METADATA FGDC
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Metadata Contacts

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Metadata Maintenance

MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY unknown
OTHER MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Last metadata review date: 20160914