

## Final Public Lands Rule Recission- Talking Points and Resources

*Please use these talking points to elevate the administration's latest attack on our public lands*  
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### Overview

- The repeal of the Public Lands Rule isn't reform, it's a deliberate attempt to strip conservation out of the day-to-day management of our nation's public lands and tilt the system toward extraction and eventual sell-off.
- The rule gave the Bureau of Land Management the tools and direction to carry out its legal mandate, including conservation and restoration, and repealing it doesn't change that underlying legal obligation. The American public, who overwhelmingly value these lands, will continue to do everything in our power to ensure they are protected.

### Specifics of the Rescission

- The Public Lands Rule was fully rescinded, with BLM arguing the 2024 rule created "unnecessary complexity," and was not aligned with "national energy policy." The agency further asserted that existing authorities are sufficient to meet conservation objectives without "prescriptive mandates or rigid timelines," and claimed repeal restores a more "efficient" management framework without "a thumb on the scale in favor of conservation at the expense of productive use and development."
- The rescission restores the 1983 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) framework, eliminates restoration and mitigation leasing (arguing that it exceeds BLM's authority), and rescinds Land Health Standards outside of grazing regulations. The BLM determined that it was not obliged to conduct tribal consultation in the process of rescinding the Rule.
- Most concerning, the rule advances a narrow view of conservation that frames resource protection primarily as a tool to support "balanced development" and the "long-term productivity" of resources, rather than recognizing conservation as an independent and enduring public land value under FLPMA's multiple use and sustained yield mandate.

### Key Messages

- Repeal of the Public Lands Rule ignores overwhelming public oppositions as more than 130,000 public comments were submitted, and 98% supported keeping the rule. The administration moved forward anyway with a clear disregard for the public consensus.
- The rule ensured conservation, wildlife, water, and cultural values were considered alongside development across 250+ million acres. Its repeal is meant to tip the scales in favor of private and corporate interests at the expense of the public.

- Local communities will feel the impact as healthy public lands support recreation, tourism, and rural economies, and weakening protections trades long-term economic stability for short-term industrial gain.
- At a time when public lands are already under growing pressure from wildfire and prolonged drought, repealing the rule strips away critical tools for restoration, land health, and resilience, dismantling safeguards when they are needed most.
- This is not a one-off decision, it's part of a coordinated, multi-front effort to reshape the future of public lands by accelerating drilling and mining, weakening land management, and advancing public land privatization.
- Americans overwhelmingly support keeping public lands public, accessible, and responsibly managed, this decision moves in the opposite direction, prioritizing short-term exploitation over stewardship, and Americans will continue to fight to protect their public lands.

#### *Additional Resources*

- [Coalition Press Release](#)
- [Catalog of Support for the FINAL Public Lands Rule](#)
- [BLM Public Lands Rule Website](#) (*Contains previous administrations implementation materials and background information*)
- [Public Lands Rule Background & Toolkit](#)