

Types of Land Use Designations- Bureau of Land Management

Type of Designation	National Monument	National Conservation Area	Other Conservation Designations	Wilderness Areas	Wilderness Study Areas	Area of Critical Environmental Concern	Research Natural Area	(National) Recreation Area
Included w/in the Cons. Lands? # of units	Yes/16	Yes/21	Yes- If Conservation is Designation Focus/5	Yes/222	Yes*/545	No	No/148	No- Not Designated for Conservation
Who Can Designate?	Congress through Legislation <i>or</i> the President through Antiquities Act	Only Congress through Legislation	Only Congress through Legislation	Only Congress through Legislation	BLM- after study and inventory of lands for wilderness characteristics.	BLM- Through the land use planning process.	BLM	Congress through Legislation or BLM Administratively
Conservation Language &/or Management Restrictions	<p>Congress finds that the federal public lands in x be protected and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.</p> <p>-The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the National Conservation Area as will further the purposes for which the National Conservation Area is established.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>I (the President) hereby proclaim that there is hereby set apart and reserved as the X National Monument, for the purpose of protection the objects identified [in the proclamation language] above.</p>	<p>Congress finds that the federal public lands in x be protected and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.</p> <p>-The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the National Conservation Area as will further the purposes for which the National Conservation Area is established.</p>	<p>Congress finds that the federal public lands in x be protected and enhanced for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.</p> <p>-The Secretary shall allow only such uses of the National Conservation Area as will further the purposes for which the National Conservation Area is established.</p>	<p>Wilderness is “an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain”</p> <p>Congress finds that this area should be managed “for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness...”</p>	<p>BLM is directed through FLPMA to inventory and recommend to Congress roadless areas of 5,000 acres or more that have wilderness characteristics as described in the Wilderness Act for preservation as Wilderness.</p>	<p>BLM is directed through FLPMA to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historical, cultural, and scenic values, fish, or wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes; or to protect human life and safety from natural hazards. Must meet the criteria of both relevance and importance as outlined in FLPMA.</p>	<p>RNA’s are created to preserve examples of natural ecosystems for comparison with those influenced by man, provide educational and research areas for study and preserve gene pools of typical and endangered plants and animals. Can be interchangeable with ACEC.</p>	<p>National Recreation Areas are designated by Congress as land and water with outdoor recreation potential of National Significance. BLM may designate Recreation Areas to promote various recreational activities as part of its Multiple Use Mission directed under FLPMA.</p>
Restriction on the # acres?	NO	NO	NO	>5,000 acres with certain exceptions	>5,000 acres with certain exceptions	NO	NO	NO
Day to Day Management	Resource Management Plan- Developed by BLM	Resource Management	Resource Management	The Wilderness Act established a single,	BLM is required to manage a WSA to	Managed according to BLM Manual 1613-	Managed to protect important ecological	Land use plans focus on Management to

	w/ Public Support- based on Proclamation or Legislation	Plan- Developed by BLM w/ Public Support- based on Legislation.	Plan- Developed by BLM w/ Public Support- based on Legislation.	consistent wilderness management directive for all Agencies. BLM incorporates these directives into land use plans.	maintain its wilderness characteristics until Congress decides to designate as Wilderness or release the area.	Special Management Attention will be given in RMP's to protect important and relevant values and resources.	and scientific values and are used primarily for non-manipulative research.	promote recreation and protection of recreational resources.
Examples	Sonoran Desert (AZ), Carrizo Plain (CA)	Red Rock Canyon (NV), Gunnison Gorge (CO)	Headwaters Forest Reserve (CA), Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area (CA)	Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness (CA), Ventana Wilderness (CA)	Bodie Mountain (CA), Soda Mountains (CA)	The Red Hills of Tuloumne County (CA), Jawbone-Butterbrecht (CA)	Monvero Dunes (CA), Saddle Bag Mountain (OR),	White Mountains National Recreation Area (AK), Sand Flats Recreation Area (UT)

*If Congress decides to remove WSA status the lands will also be removed from the National Conservation Lands and lose their protective status.