

Appendix F: Overview of State & Federal Land Management Agencies

State Agencies



Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (PARKS)



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1913


MISSION
The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission cares for Washington's most treasured lands, waters, and historic places. State Parks connects all Washingtonians to their diverse natural and cultural heritage and provide memorable recreational and educational experiences that enhance their lives.

VISION
Washington's state parks will be cherished destinations with natural, cultural, recreational, artistic, and interpretive experiences that all Washingtonians enjoy, appreciate, and proudly support.

ABOUT
Washington State Parks encompass approximately 120,000 acres of land, including nearly 700 miles of hiking trails, 40 watercraft launching sites, and approximately 75 campgrounds.



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)



FORMED
1890

MISSION
To preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

VISION
Conservation of Washington's fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems. WDFW defines "Conservation" as: "Protection, preservation, management, or restoration of natural environments and the ecological communities that inhabit them; including management of human use for public benefit and sustainable social and economic needs."

ABOUT
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife owns or manages nearly 1,000,000 acres of land, including 33 designated Wildlife areas and 700 water access sites.



Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)



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1957


MISSION

In partnership with citizens and governments, the Washington State DNR provides innovative leadership and expertise to ensure environmental protection, public safety, perpetual funding for schools and communities, and a rich quality of life.

ABOUT

DNR now manages 5.6 million acres of forest, range, agricultural, aquatic, and commercial lands for more than \$200 million in annual financial benefit for public schools, state institutions, and county services.

Federal Agencies



U.S. Forest Service (USFS)



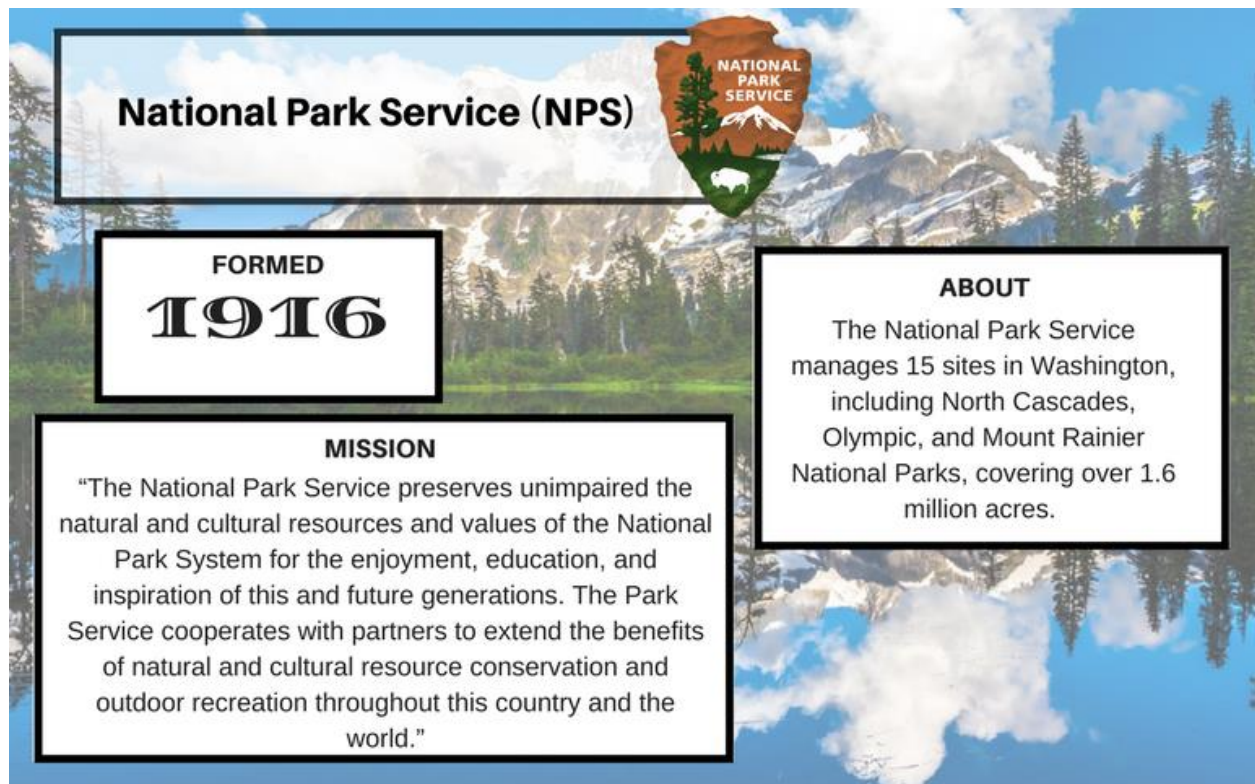
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MISSION

"sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations."

ABOUT

The U.S. Forest Service manages seven National Forests (Colville, Gifford Pinchot, Idaho Panhandle, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan & Wenatchee, Olympic, and Umatilla) and one National Scenic Area (Columbia River Gorge) in Washington state, covering approximately 9 million acres.

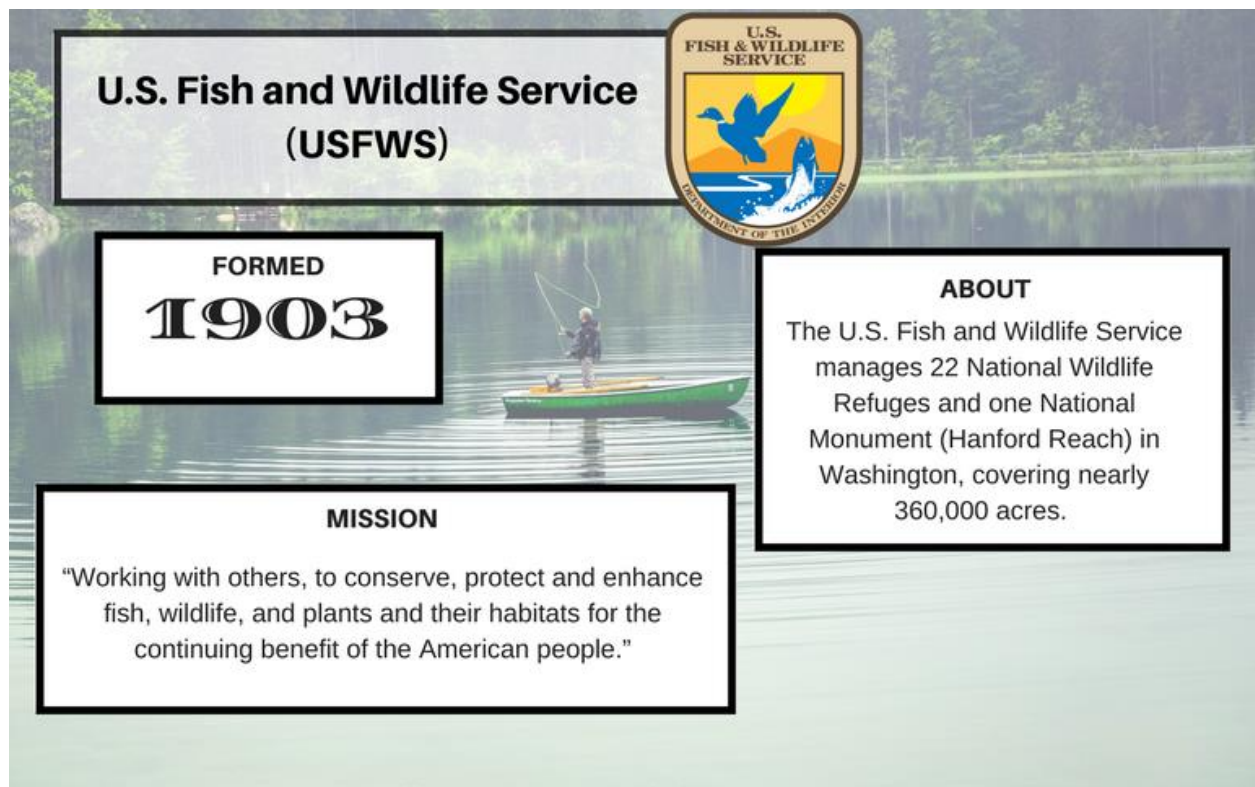


National Park Service (NPS)

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1916

MISSION
“The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.”

ABOUT
The National Park Service manages 15 sites in Washington, including North Cascades, Olympic, and Mount Rainier National Parks, covering over 1.6 million acres.

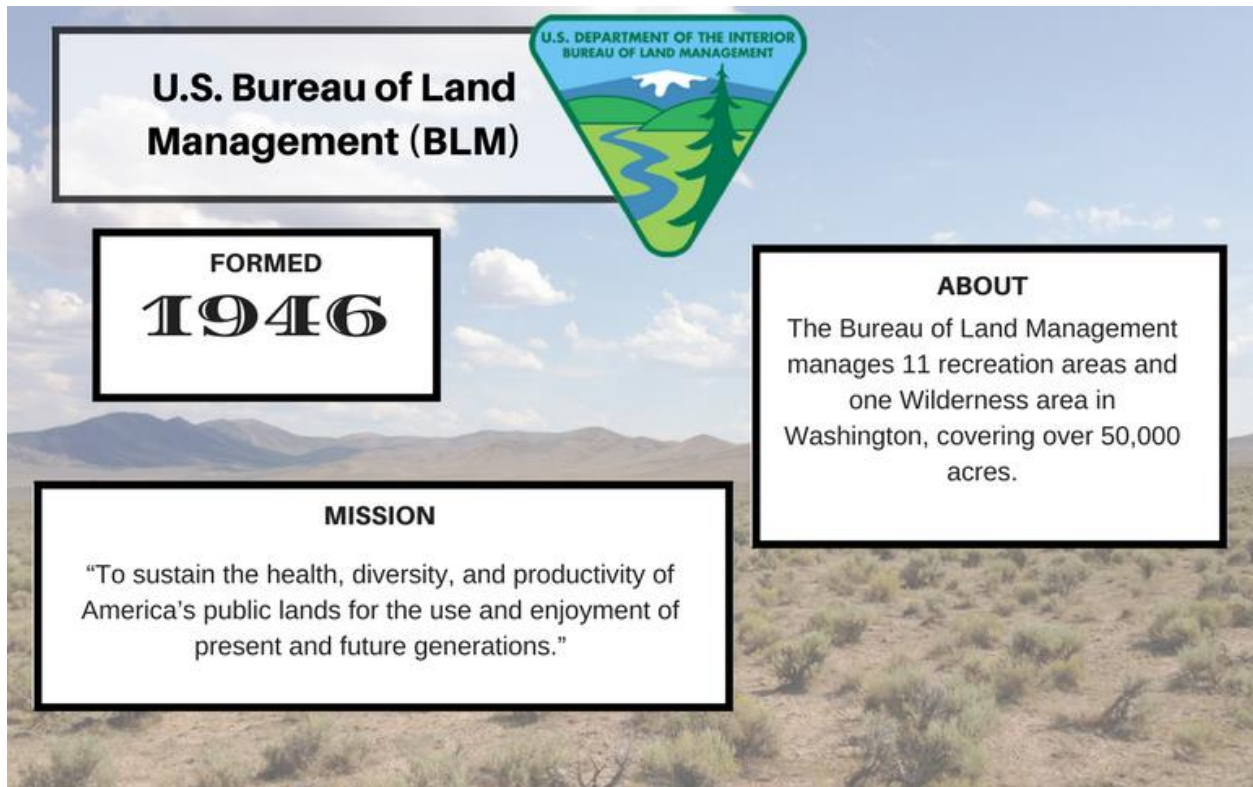


U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)


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1903

MISSION
“Working with others, to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.”

ABOUT
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages 22 National Wildlife Refuges and one National Monument (Hanford Reach) in Washington, covering nearly 360,000 acres.



U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)



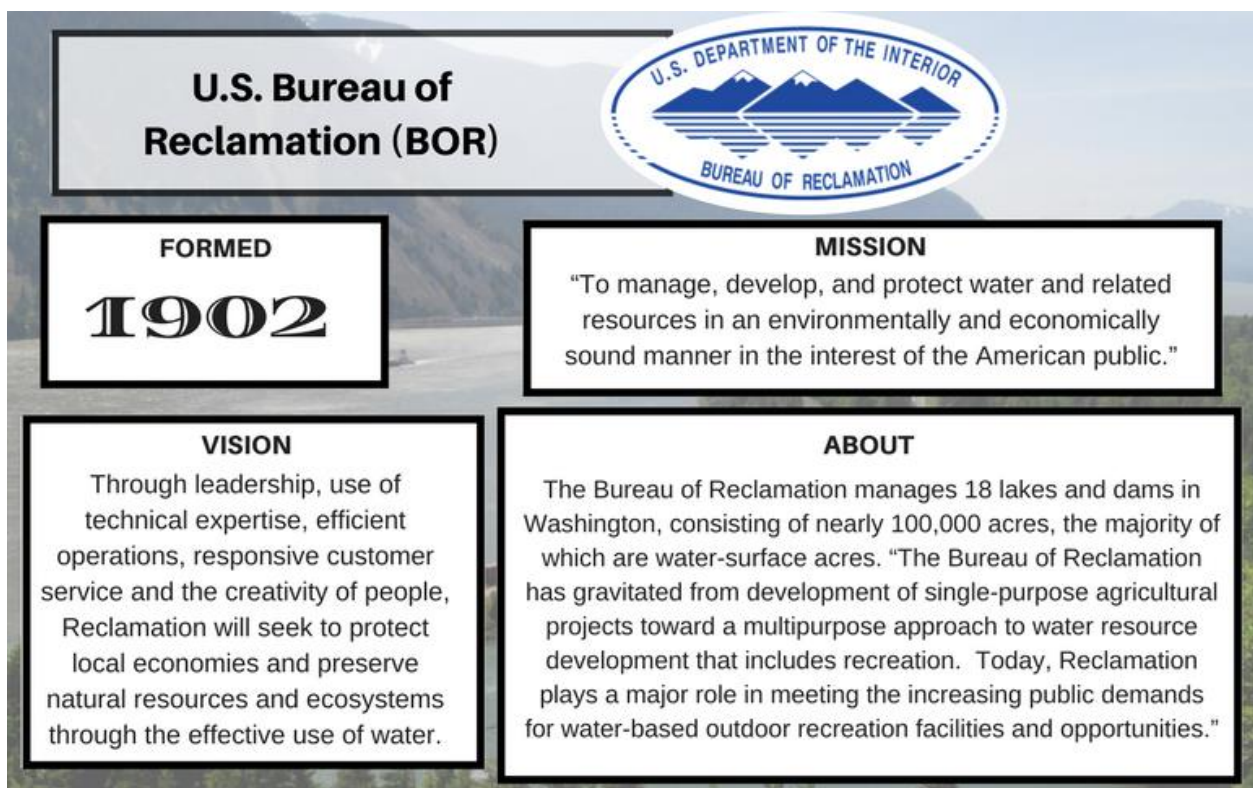
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ABOUT


The Bureau of Land Management manages 11 recreation areas and one Wilderness area in Washington, covering over 50,000 acres.

MISSION

"To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations."



U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)



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1902

MISSION

"To manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public."

VISION

Through leadership, use of technical expertise, efficient operations, responsive customer service and the creativity of people, Reclamation will seek to protect local economies and preserve natural resources and ecosystems through the effective use of water.

ABOUT

The Bureau of Reclamation manages 18 lakes and dams in Washington, consisting of nearly 100,000 acres, the majority of which are water-surface acres. "The Bureau of Reclamation has gravitated from development of single-purpose agricultural projects toward a multipurpose approach to water resource development that includes recreation. Today, Reclamation plays a major role in meeting the increasing public demands for water-based outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities."

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



FORMED
1802

MISSION

Provides vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen our Nation's security, energize the economy, and reduce risks from disasters. In achieving this mission, we must contribute to the national welfare and serve the public by providing quality and responsive services to the Nation, the Army, and other customers in a manner that is environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable, and that focuses on public safety and collaborative partnerships."

ABOUT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers 24 recreation areas in Washington.