

# BLM Alaska COOL Facts

BLM-Alaska manages more surface and subsurface acres than any other state with BLM-managed lands. This includes approximately 72 million surface acres and 220 million subsurface acres (Federal mineral estate) in a state with a landmass equivalent to about one-sixth of the entire contiguous United States (see map on back). In FY2013, the BLM's management of public lands in the state had a total economic impact of more than \$314 million.

## MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES

### National Conservation Lands

#### *National Conservation Area*

- Steese National Conservation Area (1.2 million acres)

#### *National Historic and Scenic Trail*

- Iditarod National Historic Trail (418 Miles) [BLM is the Administrator]

#### *National Wild and Scenic Rivers*

- Beaver Creek Wild and Scenic River (111 miles)
- Birch Creek Wild and Scenic River (126 miles)
- Delta Wild and Scenic River (62 miles)
- Fortymile Wild and Scenic River (392 miles)
- Gulkana Wild and Scenic River (181 miles)
- Unalakleet Wild and Scenic River (80 miles)

#### *Wilderness Study Area*

- Central Arctic Management Area (326,000 acres)

#### *National Recreation Area*

- White Mountains National Recreation Area (1 million acres)

#### *Visitor or Outdoor Education Centers*

- Campbell Creek Science Center and Campbell Tract (730 acres)
- BLM Public Information Centers ["Public Rooms"] (Anchorage and Fairbanks)
- Arctic Interagency Visitor Center in Coldfoot (Multi-agency, BLM Lead)
- Alaska Resource Library and Information Services (ARLIS) (Multi-agency, BLM full-time librarian)
- Alaska Public Lands Information Centers (Multi-agency, NPS lead - Anchorage, Fairbanks, Tok, Ketchikan)

#### *Federal Subsistence Management Program in Alaska (Alaska National Interest Conservation Act or ANILCA)*

- State Director serves on Federal Subsistence Board
- Implements Federal subsistence management hunting and fishing regulations and permits
- Approximately \$1.5 million annually spent on subsistence resource management, including reviews of BLM resource management plans

### Oil and Gas (FY 2014)

Currently, oil and natural gas are on the only leasable minerals produced from Federal lands in Alaska.

#### *National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A)*

- The November 2014 lease sale resulted in 7 leases for 66,650 acres and generated \$658,978 in revenue. It was the 10th NPR-A oil and gas lease sale since 1999.
- 3 Applications for Permits to Drill approved, 2 wells drilled.

#### *Cook Inlet in Southcentral Alaska*

- Total acreage: 18,554.56 acres, six exploratory units
- Oil Production: 482,262 barrels up from 453,184 barrels in 2013  
Natural Gas Production: 10,642,541 cubic feet  
Propane: 2,827 gallons (new product in 2014)
- Inspections completed: 62
- Producing leases: 29
- 5 Applications for Permit to Drill; 3 wells drilled

#### *Oversight of Trans-Alaska Pipeline System*

- Branch of Pipeline Monitoring
- 800 mile-long pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez
- 2014 average throughput 523,073 barrels per day

### Mining and Minerals (2014)

- 6,205 Mining Claims, including 2,231 placer claims and 3,974 lode claims
- 98 Mining Plans of Operations (pending and active)
- 78 Mining Notices for Operations with less than 5 acres (pending and active)
- 176 Total mining sites





## ALASKA LAND TRANSFER PROGRAM

For over 40 years, BLM-Alaska has overseen the largest title transfer program in the Federal government involving the transfer of over 150 million acres of Federal lands.

- 43,804,918 acres Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act conveyances (to 12/31/2014)
- 99,209,206 acres State of Alaska entitlements (to 12/31/2014)
- 19,193 parcels Individual Native Allotments, includes 1906 Native Allotments and Native Veterans Allotments (to 12/31/2014)

## STAFFING AND OFFICES *(August 2014, Total Employees: 667)*

### Alaska State Office in Anchorage

- State Director: Bud Cribley
- Associate State Director: Ted Murphy
- Chief, Office of Communications: Lesli Ellis-Wouters
- Acting Deputy State Director for Lands & Cadastral: Erika Reed
- Deputy State Director for Resources: Steve Cohn
- Deputy State Director for Support Services: Leslie Holland
- Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: Elise Burtrum
- North Slope Science Initiative Executive Director: John Payne

### Anchorage District Office

- District Manager: Mark Spencer
- Anchorage Field Office Manager: Alan Bittner
- Glennallen Field Office Manager: Dennis Teitzel

### Fairbanks District Office

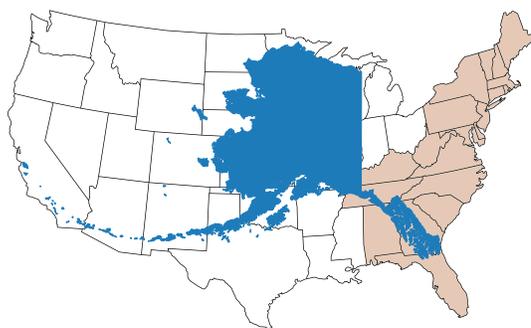
- District Manager: Geoff Beyersdorf
- Acting Arctic Field Office Manager: Stacie McIntosh
- Central Yukon Field Office Manager: Shelly Jacobson
- Eastern Interior Field Office Manager: Lenore Heppler

### Fire and Aviation (Alaska Fire Service)

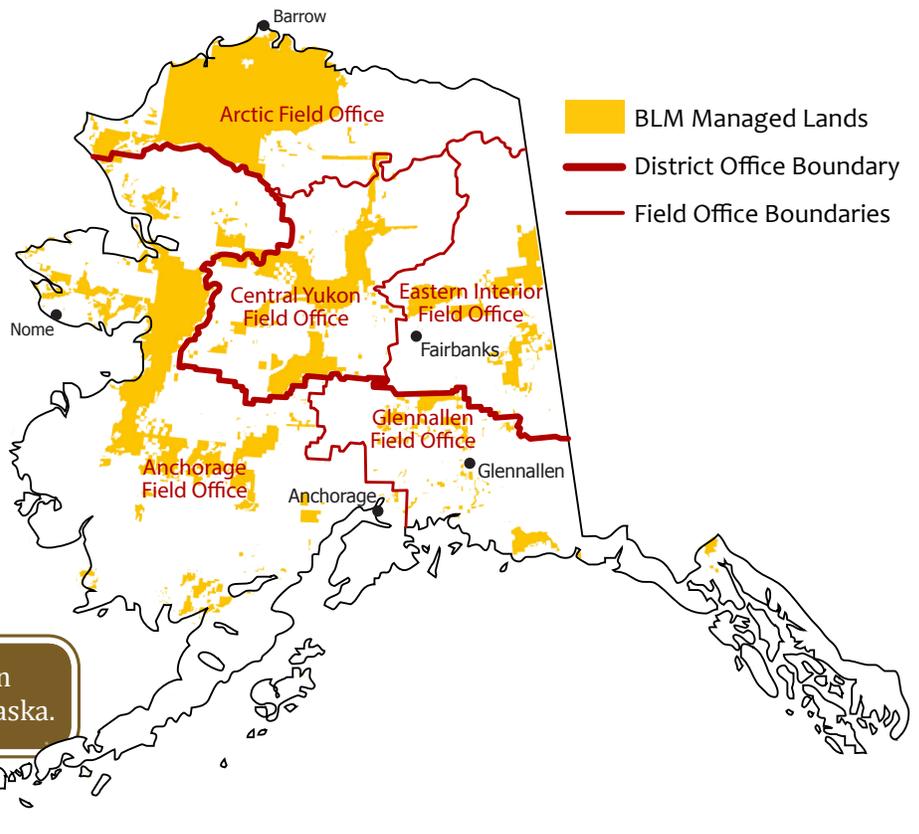
- Fire Management Officer: Kent Slaughter

### 2014 Youth/Volunteers

- Youth: 1,029
- Total Volunteers/Hosted Workers: ~5,042
- Volunteer/Hosted Worker Hours: ~80,718



At 586,400 square miles (365 million acres), *Alaska* is larger than these eastern states combined.



BLM-Alaska's recreation program had an economic impact of \$35.6 million for Alaska.