



Federal Agency Mandates

The management of our federal lands is carried out by numerous agencies, each with its own, unique mandates as established by Congress. These differing mandates can occasionally lead to misunderstanding of management actions at the local level.



National Park Service

The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve **unimpaired** the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

*“...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to **conserve** the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them **unimpaired** for the enjoyment of future generations.”*



Bureau of Land Management

It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity and **productivity** of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Through Federal Land and Policy Management Act 1976, Congress made it clear that the public lands should be held in public ownership and managed for “**multiple use**,” defined as: “...*the management of the public lands and their various resource values so that they are **utilized** in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs for the American people...*”



USDA Forest Service

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and **productivity** of the Nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

The phrase, “*Caring for the land and serving people*,” captures the Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality land management under the **sustainable, multiple-use management** concept to meet the diverse needs of people.