



NEVADA

Land Management & Extraction - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

In February 2019, the Trump administration proposed a budget that would remove \$230 million from the [Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act](#)⁴² (SNPLMA) over the next three years. This act allows the BLM to appropriately sell public lands in proximity to Las Vegas and distribute most of the funds for public lands improvements throughout Nevada.

Since its passage in 1998, this fund has generated an incredible \$300 million for [conservation](#)⁵⁰ in the Lake Tahoe region, including \$25 million in 2016 for forest health and fire fuels reductions.

The health of this region is important for recreation, tourism, and ecological function and the Trump administration's blatant disregard for conservation programs will be detrimental.

Beyond the Lake Tahoe region, about 80 percent of Nevada is federally managed public lands. These lands benefit from the SNPLMA as well as the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), both of which face uncertain futures under the Trump administration.

Land Management & Extraction - Non-competitive Oil & Gas Leases

Nevada is a notoriously challenging state to productively drill in, yet the BLM continues to hold lease sales. Due to the challenges and uncertainty of oil and gas production in Nevada, many bidders instead purchase leases through [non-competitive leasing](#)⁵¹, paying well below market rate—a practice that encourages speculation.

In fact, only 3 percent of Nevada's 890,000 acres of land that are held for oil and gas leasing were developed and producing oil at the end of 2018. This means that 863,300 acres of public lands in Nevada are being held from any other uses. Instead of continuing to hold massive lease sales for questionable parcels of land to pad oil and gas industry balance sheets, the BLM should focus on priority areas for drilling, and let the rest be managed for a variety of uses including recreation, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and conservation.