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Bureau of Land Management Lands
J. Barowsky, C. McDonald, D. Ryan

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   BLM's Cadastral Survey Program
   Where to find survey records and information within the BLM
   National land ownership datasets
   How BLM is using National datasets for mapping
   The BLM Public Lands Access Database (PLAD)

National Forest System Lands
N. Price, J. Olson, J. Matthews, R. Ahl

   National forests and national grasslands overview
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     roles and responsibilities
   TCEMS (Title Claims and Encroachment Management System) overview
   ALP (Automated Lands Program) viewer –
     emphasis on rights-of-way and easements

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Learn where to find survey records within the BLM

Learn about the BLM Public Lands Access Database

Discuss land records for National Forest System lands

Get an overview of the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System (TCEMS)

Access the Automated Lands Program viewer for land information

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You'll be able to:

Review the responsibilities and functions of the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with respect to public lands.

Get an overview of the BLM's Cadastral Survey Program.

Learn where to find survey records and land information within the BLM.

Explore national land ownership datasets.

Learn about the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System.

Explore the Automated Lands Program viewer, with an emphasis on rights-of-way and easements.

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Mr. Barowsky is a licensed land surveyor in Alaska, Arizona, Tennessee, and Texas. He has worked as a land surveyor, planner, real estate specialist, and investigator for five different Federal agencies, local government and the private sector. He currently works for the Bureau of Land Management and manages their national land surveying services for federally recognized tribes.

Christopher P. McDonald *BLM Headquarters HQ-350*
Mr. McDonald currently works as the Public Land Survey System Dataset Manger for the Bureau of Land Management headquarters' office, and he is a licensed land surveyor in Arizona. He has worked as a cadastral surveyor, for BLM for over 14 years plus nine years a private surveyor for utilities companies, and the private sector.

Dan Ryan *California BLM, Land Tenure Realty Specialist*
Mr. Ryan started his BLM Career in 2009 as a realty and cadastral aide in Sacramento, California. He then worked in various field offices, holding positions in the Realty, Minerals, NEPA and Project Management programs. He currently oversees the Land Tenure program for the Northern California Districts where there are over 20 active land acquisition cases.

Nathan H. Price *Chief Land Surveyor*
Mr. Price is the Chief Land Surveyor at USDA Forest Service Headquarters in Washington D.C. The Forest Service manages over 193 million acres and contains over 276,000 miles of boundary lines. Mr. Price obtained his MBA from Alaska Pacific University, his BS in Technology Management from Utah Valley University and his AAS in Land Surveying from Salt Lake Community College. His surveying experience has spanned over eight years in the private sector and 20 years public service with both Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service. While working for BLM Alaska, Mr. Price had the privilege of being the original surveyor on many of the unsurveyed townships throughout Alaska. As Forest Service Chief Surveyor, he has been integral in the final completion of Boundary Management manual and handbook policies and guidelines for Forest Service employees nationwide, approved in 2020. Currently he is licensed in Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, and Utah.

Jolene Olson *Land Surveyor from USFS Elko, NV*
Ms. Olson has been a land surveyor in the private sector, for gold mines and with the government for a total of 10. She has been with the US Forest Service for five years. She has also worked as an adjunct professor and faculty advisor for land survey student competitions at Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada since 2015. Ms. Olson has been an active member of NALS (Nevada Association of Land Surveyors) and NSPS since 2010 and an affiliate member/mentor of the Nevada Young Surveyors association.

John Matthews *Regional Land Surveyor, USFS Region 6*
Mr. Matthews is currently the US Forest Service Regional Land Surveyor for Region 6. He has been responsible for program development and oversight for the Boundary and Title Management Program in the Pacific Northwest for the last year and a half. Before his current position, he was the Regional Land Surveyor for Region 4, Southern Region, for four and a half years. His first job with the federal government was with Indian Health Services in Minot, North Dakota as the only Great Plains surveyor, working on five reservations, in North and South Dakota. Most of his earlier career was spent working in the private sector, and for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection agencies.

Robert Ahl, PhD, GISP *Geospatial Systems Specialist, Northern Region*
Dr. Robert Ahl works as a Geospatial Systems Specialist in the USDA Forest Service|Lands, Minerals, and Geology|Automated Lands Program. He has an extensive natural resource background, with application of geographic information systems and remote sensing to assess and model vegetation characteristics, water yield, and wildlife habitat. In recent years he has also obtained remote pilot certification and manages a remote sensing services agreement with the University of Montana. In the Automated Lands Program, he helps manage a team of contractors that focus on Land Status Record System data development and maintenance, with emphasis on creating spatial representations of right-of-way, land adjustment case boundaries, and other administratively or congressionally designated changes to land status. He is also a manager of the Program's National Geospatial Data Asset – the Proclaimed Forest boundary dataset and provides program support for the Title Claims and Encroachment Management System (TCEMS). In collaboration with his team members, he also helps develop mapping templates for the Legislative Map Tool, and Special Uses Map Tool.

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