



The Bureau of Land Management

Alabama and Mississippi Resource Management Plan

Jackson Field Office

Within the Department of the Interior (DOI), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for managing 262 million acres of land--about one-eighth of the land in the United States--and about 300 million additional acres of subsurface mineral resources. The Bureau is also responsible for wildfire management and suppression on 388 million acres.

Most of the lands the BLM manages are located in the western United States, including Alaska, and are dominated by extensive grasslands, forests, high mountains, arctic tundra, and deserts.

The BLM manages a wide variety of resources and uses, including energy and minerals; timber; forage; wild horse and burro populations; fish and wildlife habitat; wilderness areas; archeological, paleontological, and historical sites; and other natural heritage values.

The Bureau of Land Management administers public lands within a framework of numerous laws. The most comprehensive of these is the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). All Bureau policies, procedures and management actions must be consistent with FLPMA and the other laws that govern use of the public lands.

The BLM is divided into Field Offices that report to State Offices. In the East, the Eastern States Office, located in Springfield, VA encompasses two Field Offices: one in Jackson, Mississippi, and one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and the Division of Solid Minerals in Rolla, Missouri. The Eastern States office also has a Lower Potomac River Field Station located in Virginia.

The BLM Eastern States is responsible for the stewardship of the public lands and resources under the jurisdiction of the BLM in 31 States east of and bordering the Mississippi River.

The Jackson Field Office, located in Jackson, MS is preparing the Resource Management Plan for Alabama and Mississippi.

