



# Our Land, Our Climate, Our Solution

Public Lands and Climate Change

Pawnee, CO. Credit Mason Cummings.

# Who we are



**Our mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places**



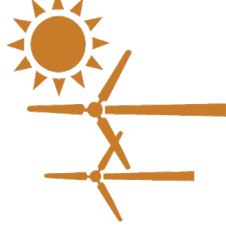
## **Land And Water**

Protecting our wild public lands in large connected landscapes.



## **People Outdoors**

Ensuring that all people can access and share in the benefits of the outdoors from the urban to the wild.



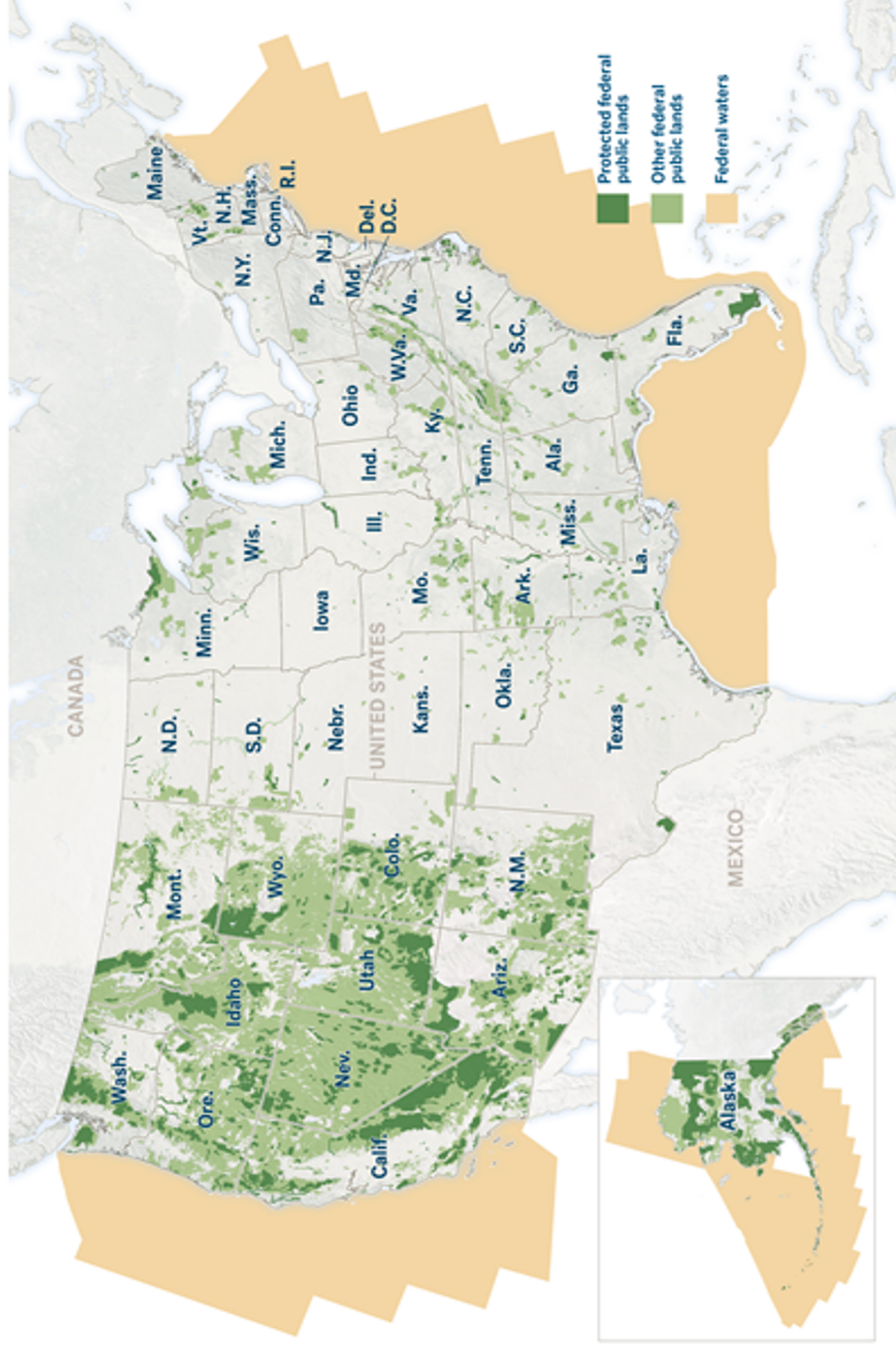
## **Climate and Energy**

Guiding energy development to the right places and ensuring public lands contribute to climate solutions

# Public Lands and Waters



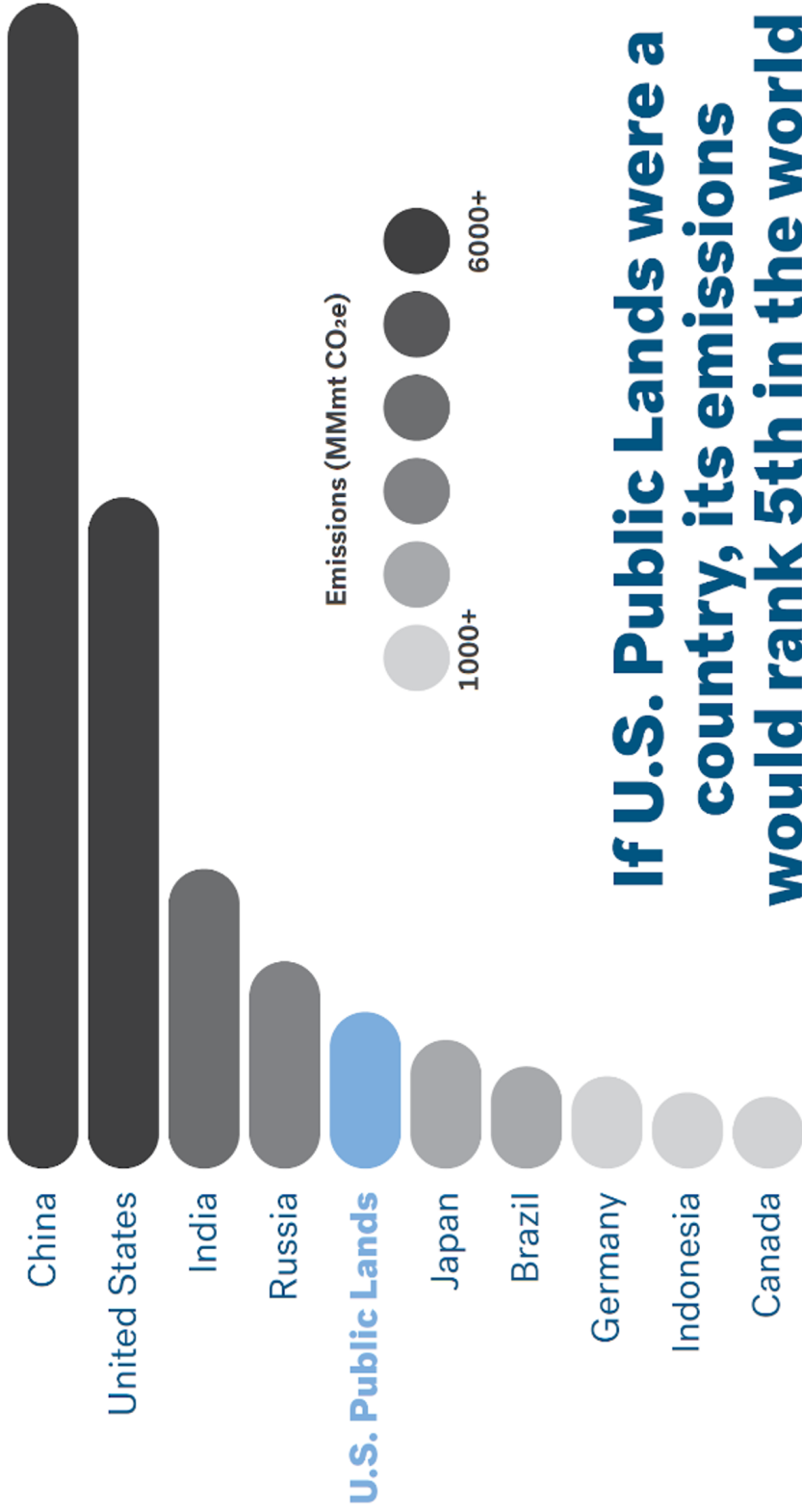
- Federal public lands are designated as belonging to **all** people.



**Public lands are part of  
the climate change  
problem, this is why.**



# Public lands role...



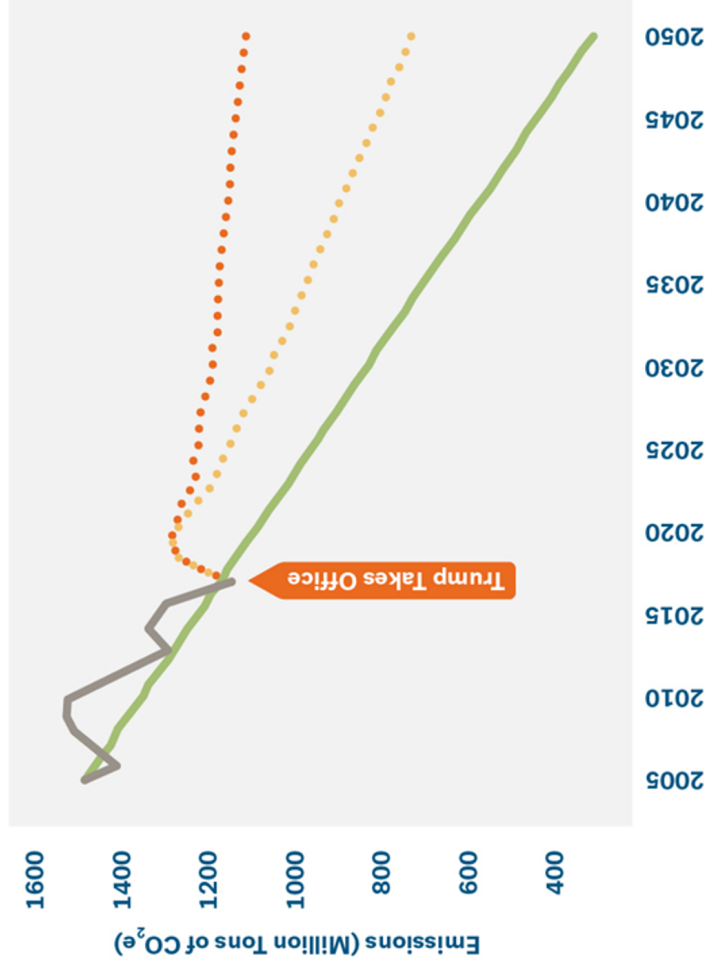
**If U.S. Public Lands were a country, its emissions would rank 5th in the world**

We are lagging behind our climate goals...



## Fossil Fuel Emissions from Public Lands

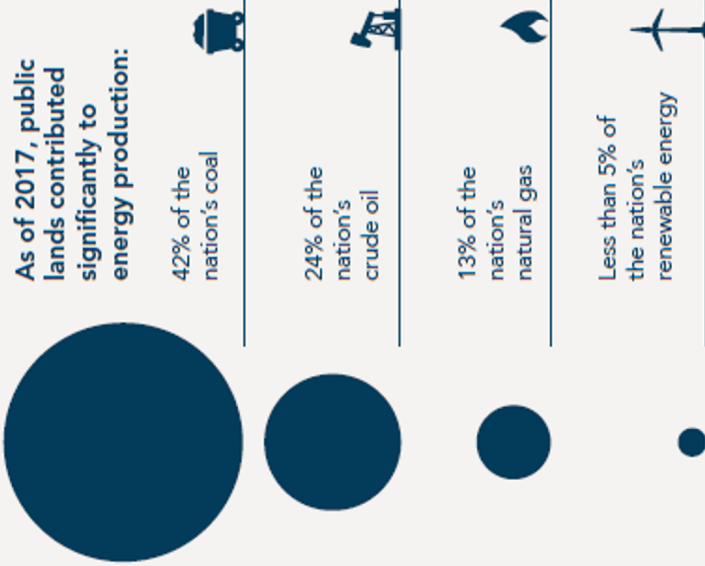
- Target emissions reduction pathway
- Historical emissions
- Projected emissions with Obama-era policies
- Current trajectory after Trump leasing and policy changes



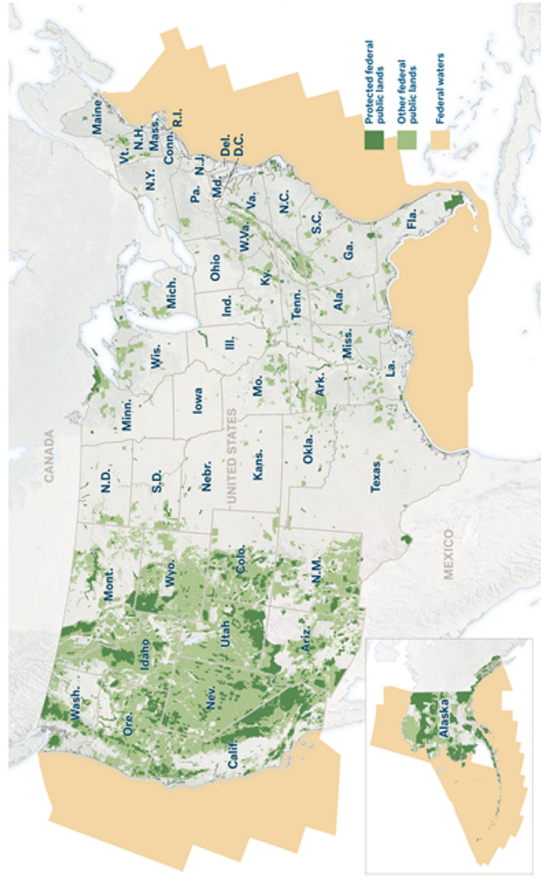
# Oil and Gas on Public Lands



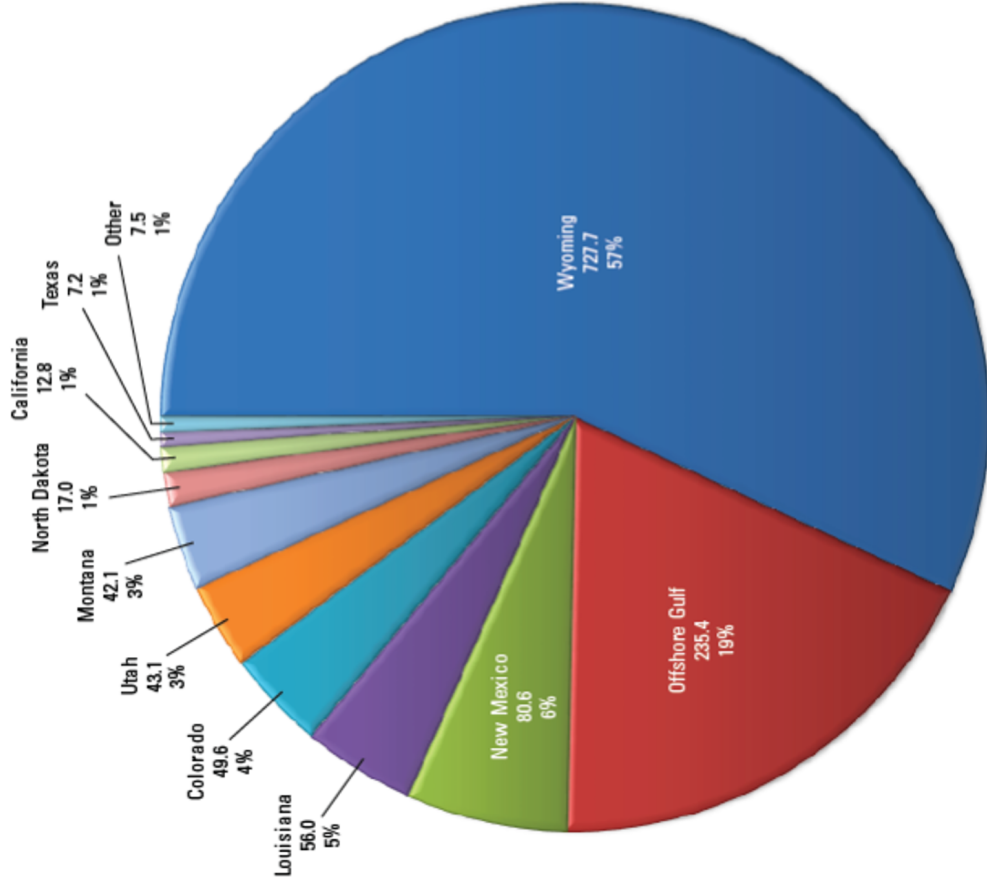
Today, more than 90% of BLM multiple-use lands are open to oil and gas development.



## Federal Public Lands & Waters of the U.S.



# Fossil fuel associated emission of greenhouse gasses from federal lands



**Figure 2.** Pie chart showing carbon dioxide emissions associated with the extraction and combustion of fossil fuels produced from Federal lands in the 10 States or offshore regions with the highest emissions, 2014. Emissions are reported in million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO<sub>2</sub> Eq.).



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# What can we do

## A few ideas...

- **Protect, connect and restore critical landscapes**
- **Reduce fossil fuel emissions from public lands**
- **Promote clean energy**
- **Strengthen climate resiliency for all**



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