

ABCs Acronym Decoder

| Land Agencies and Related Terms | |
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| BLM | Bureau of Land Management |
| DO | District Office (Forest Service or BLM) |
| FO | Field Office (BLM unit of management below the District Office) |
| FS | United States Forest Service |
| FWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| GSENM | Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument – Broads genesis in that landscape, controversial landscape scale application of the Antiquities Act |
| GIS | Geographic Information Systems – digital mapping software |
| GMP | General Management Plan, used by National Park Service |
| LRMP | Land and Resource Management Plan used by the FS, also called a Forest Plan |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MTP | Motorized Travel Plan |
| NCA | National Conservation Area – designation for certain protected U.S. lands - BLM |
| NCLS or NCL | BLM’s National Conservation Lands (system) – includes National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild & Scenic Rivers and National Scenic & Historic Trails |
| NF | National Forest |
| NM | National Monument – not agency specific. There are BLM, NPS and USFS NMs. Created by Presidential Proclamation per the American Antiquities Act of 1906 |
| NPS | National Park Service |
| NWPS | National Wilderness Preservation System - |
| RAC | Resource Advisory Council – a quasi-advisory body set up to advise agencies on resource issues (See FACA). |
| RD | Ranger District – A contiguous unit of management within the FS – many Ranger Districts may exist on one National Forest |
| RMP | Resource Management Plan – (BLM – a resource-committing management plan updated every 15-20 years – sometimes does include travel management – called a LRMP or “Forest Plan” on FS lands) |
| RO | Regional Office (Forest Service management level between local (Forest) and National (WO)) |
| ROD | Record of Decision – accompanies an FEIS, signed by the responsible official |
| SHPO | State Historic Preservation Officer – required by NHPA, each state has one |
| SRP | Special Recreation Permit |
| SUP | Special Use Permit – use authorization issued by NPS, USFWS, USFS |
| TMP | Travel Management Plan – (BLM or FS) |
| MLP | Master Leasing Plan (for oil and gas development) |
| USFS | United States Forest Service |
| USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| WO | Washington Office (Forest Service National Headquarters) |
| Laws and NEPA Terms | |
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| DEIS | Draft Environmental Impact Statement (NEPA document) |
| DNA | Determination of NEPA Adequacy – used by agencies when they are trying to avoid doing a new public NEPA process. Uses old, usually outdated information. Be suspicious. |
| EA | Environmental Assessment (NEPA document) – used when proposed actions are minor |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement (NEPA document) – done when proposed actions are significant |
| FACA | Federal Advisory Committees Act – law governing how agencies may take advice from collaborative bodies or RACs. |
| FEIS | Final Environmental Impact Statement (NEPA document) |
| FLPMA | Federal Land Management Policy Act – passed in 1976, governs BLM activities – planning, WSAs, etc. |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act – allows public access to certain federal government documents and information |
| FONSI | Part of a NEPA process – A Finding Of No Significant Impact – a document that allows an agency to weasel out of doing an EA or EIS by issuing a CE or CX |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act (requires disclosure and public involvement in federal government actions) |
| NFMA | National Forest Management Act of 1976 – primary law governing national forests |
| NHPA | National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 – governs preservation of cultural and historic resources in the U.S. |
| Section 106 | Portion of the NHPA that requires agencies to consult with interested/affected parties on cultural resource impacts as part of NEPA |
| WIA | Wilderness Inventory Area – BLM lands found to have wilderness character, but not protected as WSAs due to a 2003 deal between Utah and BLM – no more WSAs may currently be designated. |
| WSA | Wilderness Study Area – an area managed by BLM for non-impairment of wilderness character until congress acts, as designated under section 603 of FLPMA |
| Partner Organizations | |
| AWC | Arizona Wilderness Coalition - voice for Arizona wilderness |
| BCHA | Backcountry Horsemen of America |
| BHA | Backcountry Hunters and Anglers |
| CBD | Center for Biological Diversity – a national conservation organization and frequent Broads partner |
| CLF | Conservation Lands Foundation – provides funding and training for BLM partners |
| CMC | Colorado Mountain Club – a venerable old CO mountaineering club and conservation advocate |
| CWC | California Wilderness Coalition – voice for California wilderness |
| EJ | Earthjustice – environmental law firm |
| GCT | Grand Canyon Trust – A Flagstaff, AZ based enviro group works on Colorado Plateau |
| ICL | Idaho Conservation League – Boise, ID based statewide conservation organization |
| NMWA | New Mexico Wilderness Alliance – voice for NM wilderness |
| NFF | National Forest Foundation –provides funding and training for FS partners |
| NPCA | National Parks Conservation Association – conservation partner focused on NPS units |
| NRDC | Natural Resources Defense Council – environmental law firm |
| OIA | Outdoor Industry Association – represents muscle-powered outdoor gear industry |

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| ONDA | Oregon Natural Desert Association – eastern Oregon focused conservation organization |
| PEW | America’s Wilderness – Pew Charitable Trusts – Leads/funds select wilderness legislation and National Monument designation campaigns. |
| QUC | Quiet Use Coalition –muscle powered rec. groups dealing with ORV issues – there is one in Montana (Bitterroot QUC), and one in Salida, CO (CO QUC) |
| RAN | Rainforest Action Network, an international environmental group |
| SC | Sierra Club - a national conservation organization |
| SRCA | Southern Rockies Conservation Alliance – Colorado and Southern Wyoming’s conservation coalition – Broads is a member. |
| SUWA | Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance – Utah conservation organization focused on BLM wild lands |
| SWS | Society for Wilderness Stewardship – umbrella organization uniting those engaged in stewardship of the NWPS |
| TWS | The Wilderness Society – national wilderness conservation organization |
| UWC | Utah Wilderness Coalition – coalition of 200+ conservation orgs keeping ARROW alive |
| WEG | WildEarth Guardians, a national conservation organization |
| WWP | Western Watershed Project – national org working on public lands grazing |
| Other Organizations | |
| BRC | Blue Ribbon Coalition – a national anti-enviro motorhead group – a hate group specializing in extreme rhetoric and incitement to violence |
| IMBA | International Mountain Biking Association – officially schizophrenic on designated wilderness as no bikes are allowed in Wilderness |
| Recreation | |
| ATV | All Terrain Vehicle or “quad” – an off-road vehicle less than 50 inches in width designed to be straddled and steered via handlebars. Not “street legal” in most states. |
| MTB | Mountain Bike |
| OHV | Off-Highway Vehicle – a non-street legal ATV, dirt bike, rock crawler or UTV(this is a term coined by off-roaders to make ORVs seem more benign – I try to avoid using this term unless I am referencing an agency use of “OHV”) |
| ORV | Off-road vehicle – Jeeps, SUVs, or non-street legal ATVs, dirt bikes, rock crawlers or UTVs |
| UTV | “Utility Vehicle” – A side by side seating ATV > 50 inches in width with a steering wheel instead of handlebars – considered a “full-size vehicle” – basically a golf cart on steroids |
| RS2477 | Revised Statute 2477, a civil war era federal law encouraging westward settlement by granting right-of-ways to build “highways” across public lands from 1866-1976. Some counties today claim RS2477 on paths, routes, and trails, to thwart wilderness and conservation designations. |
| Broads’ Acronyms | |
| BB | Broadband, a regional Great Old Broads for Wilderness chapter |
| CARE Call | Connection and Resource Exchange, monthly leadership calls |
| GLOW Call | Great Leadership and Outreach Workshop, quarterly online leadership trainings |
| KING | Keep it in the Ground, national climate action campaign with hundreds of organizations |
| LTE | Letter to the Editor |
| WALTS | Wilderness Advocacy Leadership Training Session |