

America's Great Outdoor Initiative / Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) update

*“A 21st Century
Conservation and
Recreation
Strategy”*



BLM's Field Committee

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The “America’s Great Outdoors” Initiative

Presidential Memorandum -- America’s Great Outdoors
April 16, 2010



Vision:

- ▣ Recreation
 - Connect Americans to the Great Outdoors

- ▣ Restoration
 - Conserve and Restore America’s Great Outdoors

- ▣ Conservation
 - Work Together for America’s Great Outdoors



AGO In Action

Summer 2010:

- 51 America's Great Outdoors (AGO) public listening sessions
- 10,000 participants
- 105,000 comments
- BLM hosted or supported listening sessions (MT, CO, UT, WY, and other States)



Goal of Listening Sessions:

- To reinvigorate the American public's enjoyment, conservation, and stewardship of the nation's outdoors.



BLM's Implementation Plan for AGO

21st Century Premier Conservation Agency

Release Date: April 29, 2011

- The BLM is an integral component of the Nation's Conservation and Recreation System



BLM's Unique Contributions to AGO:

- ▣ America's Backyard
- ▣ Valuable Community Partner
- ▣ Landscape Conservation Leader
- ▣ America's Land Steward



State Interaction

- Secretary's 50 State Tour
- Governor Interaction
- Colorado Examples
 - Yampa River Basin Project
 - San Luis Valley Project
 - Denver Metro Greenway Project



BLM State Interaction & Projects

□ Arizona

- **Rio Salado-** *River Pathways Program*
- **Lake Havasu National Bluewater Trail System-** *Recreation and River Restoration*

□ Colorado

- **San Luis Valley Project-** *Rural Preservation and Sustainability*

□ Eastern States (MD/VA)

- **John Smith Water Trail**

□ Idaho

- **Owyhee Land Exchange -** *Landscape Conservation*

□ Montana

- **Crown of the Continent-** *Landscape-scale Conservation/ Conserve Rural Working Lands*



□ Nevada

- **The Lorenzi Park-** *Increasing recreational access, serving urban populations*
- **The City of Henderson I-215 Regional Trail-** *Increasing recreational access, serving urban populations*

□ Oregon

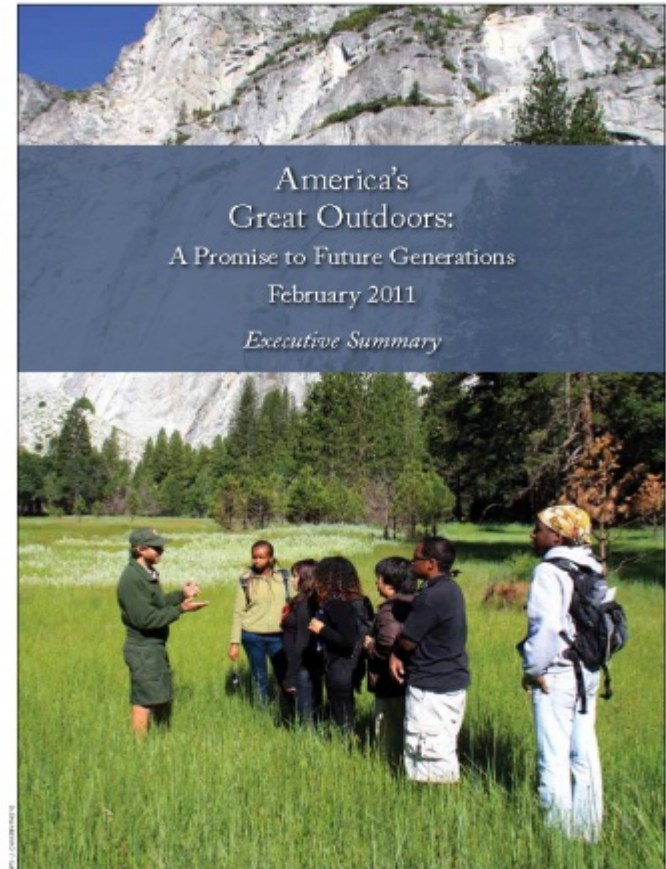
- **Table Rocks-** *Large Landscape Conservation*



America's Great Outdoors Report

When Implemented AGO will result in:

- Accessible parks / green spaces for our children.
- A new generation of great urban parks and community green spaces.
- Newly-restored river restorations and recreational “blueways” that power economic revitalization in communities.
- Stronger support for farmers, ranchers, and private landowners that help protect rural landscapes and provide access for recreation.
- The reinvestment of revenues from oil and gas extraction into the permanent protection of parks, open spaces, wildlife habitat, and access for recreational activities.
- A 21st century conservation ethic that builds on local ideas and solutions for environmental stewardship and connects to our historic, cultural, and natural heritage.



Partnership for AGO

(NPF, NFF, NEEF, NFWF)

AGO Council

(Goal 10)

AGO Campaign

continued agency and White House outreach

FICOR

Federal Interagency Council on
Outdoor Recreation
(USDA, DOI, DOD, ACE, NOAA)

AGO Steering Committee

Youth FACA

Jobs, Youth and
Service
(Goals 1 and 4)

DOI, USDA, EPA, ACE,
DOD, OPM, DOL, CNCS,
ACHP, NOAA

Education
(Goal 3)

EPA, DOI, Dept of Ed,
HHS, USDA, NOAA, Lets
Move, ACHP

Rivers and other
waterways
(Goal 9)

ACE, DOI, USDA, EPA,
NOAA, HHS

Land Conservation
(Goals 7 and 8)

DOI, USDA, EPA, NOAA,
ACE, ACHP, DOD

AGO Outreach
Team
DOI, USDA, EPA
ACE

Recreation &
Access (Goal 2)

DOI, USDA, ACE, DOT,
CNCS, NOAA, HHS

Urban
Lands and Water
(Goals 6 and 9)

EPA, DOI, DOT, HUD,
USDA, NOAA, HHS

Proposed workgroup assignments
based on assignments in AGO Report.

Proposed lead agency for each
workgroup is in bold.

last updated 5/9/11

AGO/ FICOR

The America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Report called for the establishment of the **Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR)**.

BLM is currently the lead agency in coordination of FICOR (lead rotates annually)

FICOR Inaugural meeting will Occur November 17th & 18th in Shepherdstown, WV



FICOR Principal Members

Directors of agencies who manage Federal outdoor recreation facilities, lands, and waters
(meet twice per year)

- **Bureau of Land Management**, Robert V. Abbey, Director
- **Bureau of Reclamation**, Kira Finkler, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Fish and Wildlife Service**, Dan Ashe, Director
- **National Park Service**, Jon Jarvis, Director
- **NOAA**, David Kennedy, Assistant Director
- **US Army Corps of Engineers**, Mike Enschede, Chief Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice
- **USDA Forest Service**, Tom Tidwell, Chief



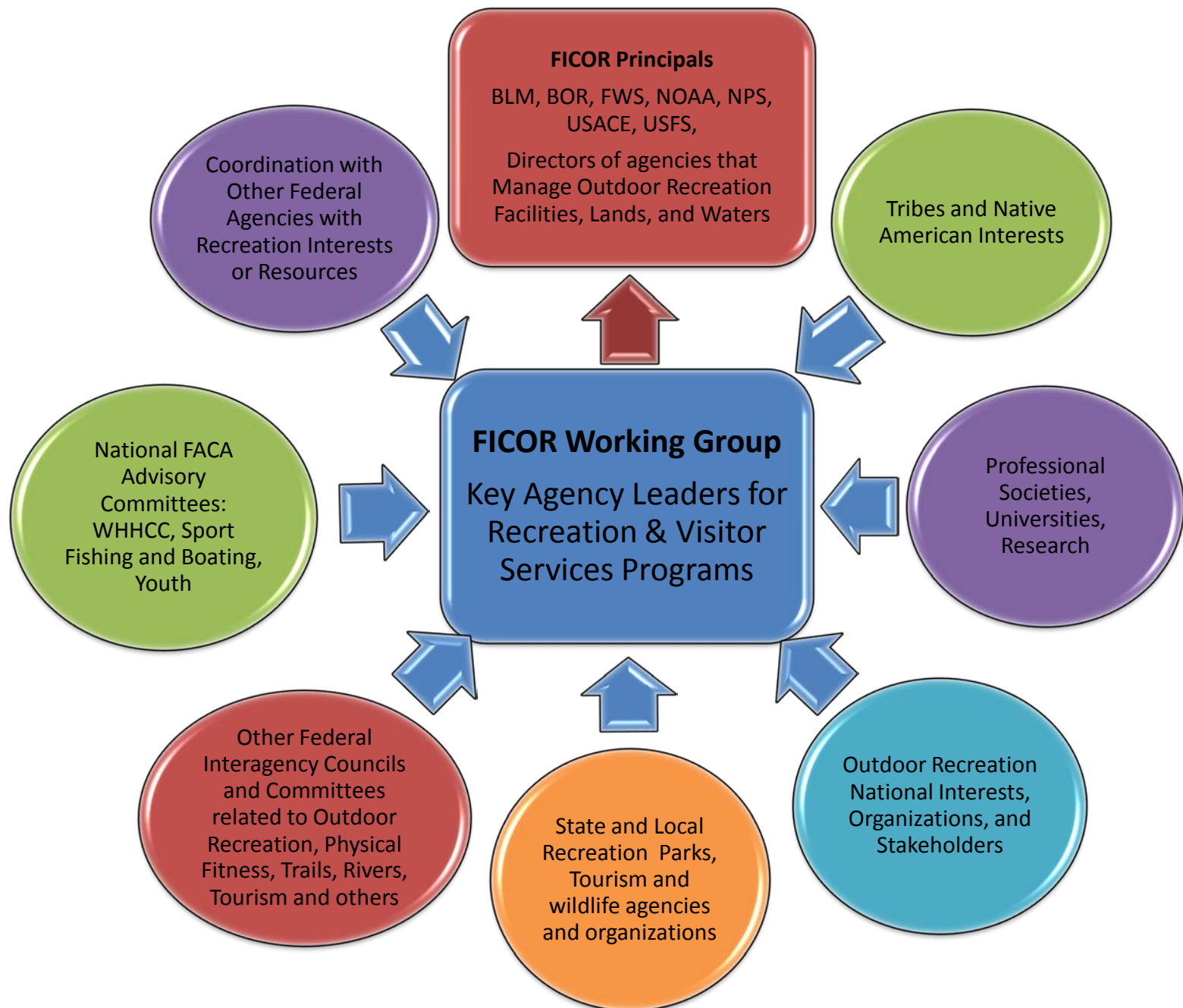


FICOR Initial Priorities

(established by the working group)

- ❑ Providing a national, one-stop, web-based portal for recreation information.
- ❑ Aligning visitor use management on public lands and waters.
- ❑ Aligning and Enhancing Outdoor Recreation Planning.
- ❑ Developing a sustainable funding model.
- ❑ Improving visitor safety on public lands and waters.
- ❑ Improving outdoor recreation access to public lands and waters.
- ❑ Supporting local community-based outdoor recreation and tourism development.
- ❑ Promoting the health benefits of outdoor recreation.
- ❑ Aligning professional training and best practices.
- ❑ Understanding the economic value and benefits of outdoor recreation.





FICOR Coordination

FACA Councils

- Wildlife and Hunting Heritage
- Sports Fishing and Boating

Other Organizations

- ▣ State and Local Parks
- ▣ Tourism Councils
- ▣ Wildlife Agencies/Organizations
- ▣ Tribes and Native American Interests
- ▣ National FACA Advisory Committees
- ▣ Outdoor Recreation Interests and Stakeholders
- ▣ Professional Societies and Universities



Links & References

America's Great Outdoors Web site

<http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>

BLM AGO Intranet Tool Kit

http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-600/610/toolkit_ago/

Other Information:

- [Presidential Memorandum AGO April 16, 2010](#)
- [AGO Report February 16, 2011](#)
- [BLM Implementation Plan April 29, 2011](#)
- [BLM Assignment Matrix](#)
- FICOR MOU
- FICOR Charter
- BLM State AGO Contacts
- BLM Projects 50 State Tour



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