

Keep Current With These BLM Camping and Boondocking Rules

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The Idaho Bureau of Land Management (BLM) posted the rules for camping and boondocking on BLM land in Idaho (photo).

These rules generally apply to camping on any BLM land in any state, and will likely change as the BLM develops their Travel Management Plan as the Forest Service has, but for now these are the official guidelines.

BLM Camping Guidelines

Developed Campgrounds

- When camping in a developed area, please use the specifically marked sites.
- If you are camping in a developed site and are in a group with more than two vehicles or 10 people, please use a group site or two campsites.
- Money from fees charged at developed campgrounds are used to maintain these areas for everyone's enjoyment. Avoid a citation or fine by being responsible and paying your share.
- Please respect other campers and keep quiet hours of 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., or those posted.
- Always build fires in the stove, grill, fireplace or ring provided in developed campgrounds. Don't burn trash or material that produces toxic or hazardous material. Never leave a fire unattended.
- Use the designated spots for your tent, trailer and other gear. If you leave personal property unattended for more than 24 hours in a day-use area, or 3 days in other areas, it may be considered abandoned and disposed of by BLM.
- Horses, llamas and other livestock are not allowed in campgrounds or picnic areas unless BLM has provided facilities for that use.
- Most BLM sites are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dispersed Camping in Undeveloped Areas

- Minimize disturbance to BLM land's indigenous creatures, please do not park or camp within 300 yards of any water source (guzzler or water trough) used by wildlife or domestic livestock.
- To protect your public lands, campers must not dispose of any refuse, hazardous materials, sewage, or gray water, in any manner that would pollute the surrounding area. **PACK IT OUT.**
- Whether in a developed campground or at a dispersed site, you may usually camp in an area for up to 14 days before having to move at least 25 miles from your original spot. You may not return to that area for 28 consecutive days.
- We ask you to follow a policy of Treading Lightly! By picking up litter, avoiding travel that could damage the land, observing signs and posted areas, leaving all gates as you found them, and asking permission to enter private lands, you will enhance the public's opportunity to enjoy these lands in the future. We hope you enjoy your camping experience on BLM lands.