



## U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Arizona



### Ray Suazo

BLM Arizona State Director

Ray Suazo is the BLM Arizona State Director, responsible for leading a staff of nearly 500 employees and the management of more than 12 million surface and 17 million subsurface acres of public lands in Arizona. Ray joined the BLM Arizona State Office in 2006. He served as Chief Information Officer, Deputy State Director for Business and Support Services, and Associate State Director before his appointment as the Arizona State Director in 2012.

Ray is a United States Air Force veteran with more than 34 years of public service. Prior to joining the BLM, he worked for the U.S. Forest Service for many years, beginning his career as a seasonal range technician and later serving as Deputy Forest Supervisor in Arizona, the Rangeland Information Program Manager in New Mexico, and the National Rangeland Information Coordinator headquartered in Washington D.C.

A native of New Mexico, Ray earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management Information Systems from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M. He is recognized for his innovative management skills and his commitment to sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in the 11 Western states and Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.