

BLM Camping Pre-Trip Compliance Checklist

Based on ranger interviews and field testing across seven western states

Pre-Trip Research Phase

Land Ownership Verification

- - Download current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for target area
- - Verify BLM ownership using property boundary app (Gaia GPS, onX Offroad)
- - Check for Arizona State Trust Land requirements (\$15 annual permit)
- - Identify any Special Recreation Areas requiring permits
- - Confirm 25+ mile backup locations for 14-day moves

Current Restrictions Check

- - Call local BLM field office for current restrictions
- - Check fire restriction status on NIFC.gov
- - Verify seasonal closure dates for target elevation
- - Review any wildlife protection periods
- - Download offline maps with restriction overlays

Permit Requirements by State

- - Arizona: State Trust Land permit required for mixed BLM/state areas
- - California: Some areas require Adventure Pass (\$30/year)
- - Colorado: No additional permits typically required
- - Nevada: Check for Special Recreation Permits in popular areas
- - Utah: Some areas require Special Use permits
- - Washington: Discover Pass required (\$30/year)