

NIC Inc. and the BLM Yuma Field Office Partner to Offer Electronic Visitation Permits

YourPassNow offers visitors digital access to America's public lands

OLATHE, Kan. - Recreationalists will now be able to easily attain electronic short-term and long-term visitation permits for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Long-Term Visitor Areas (LTVAs) near Yuma, Arizona making access to public lands more convenient.

The permits will be available for purchase through the digital marketplace, YourPassNow. This innovation is made possible through a partnership between the BLM Yuma Field Office and NIC Inc., a digital government services provider.

"Purchasing a permit through YourPassNow offers our visitors improved access to recreational opportunities on public lands," said William Mack, Jr., BLM's Colorado River District Manager. "This digital service will greatly improve the convenience of visiting LTVA sites for our visitors and streamline our internal BLM fee collection process. We are excited to pilot this service for the BLM and hope to continue to enhance the visitor experience on public lands."

The BLM's Yuma Field Office manages 1.2 million acres of southwestern Arizona and southeastern California. The area includes 155 miles of the lower Colorado River, a destination for hundreds of thousands of visitors seeking water-related recreation year-round.

YourPassNow provides an alternative to the traditional paper-based, in-person purchase method while simultaneously providing public lands with a tool to help manage the visitor experience. Using a personal device, visitors can purchase passes and permits from www.yourpassnow.com. Once purchased, passes and permits can be downloaded or stored to a virtual wallet for immediate and future use, unless otherwise specified. Passes and permits are also emailed for those that want to print their pass.

"NIC is excited to add BLM Yuma Field Office to the YourPassNow family," said Sandi Miller, NIC Federal General Manager. "By offering an easy and convenient way to purchase permits in advance through YourPassNow, the Bureau of Land Management is helping to enhance the experience of its visitors."

Yuma Field Office joins the following public lands currently providing electronic passes and permits through YourPassNow: Acadia, Everglades, Glacier, Grand Canyon, Theodore Roosevelt, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, Yellowstone, and Yosemite National Parks; Castillo de San Marcos and Colorado National Monuments; Whiskeytown National Recreation Area; Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; Wayne National Forest; the Bureau of Land Management's Lake Havasu Field Office; and the State of Arkansas' historic Eureka Springs.

About YourPassNow

Developed in cooperation with the National Park Service, YourPassNow makes it easy and convenient for visitors to purchase entrance passes and land access permits to public lands online. YourPassNow streamlines a paper-based purchase process that was previously only available at physical park locations or approved resellers. YourPassNow provides visitors a new level of recreation access to America's public lands. For more information, please visit www.yourpassnow.com.

About NIC Inc.

NIC Inc. (Nasdaq: EGOV) is the nation's premier provider of innovative digital government solutions and secure payment processing, which help make government interactions more accessible for everyone through technology. The family of NIC companies has developed a library of more than 13,000 digital government services for more than 6,000 federal, state, and local government agencies. Among these solutions is the ground-breaking personal assistant for government, Gov2Go, delivering citizens personalized reminders and a single platform for all government interactions. More information is available at www.egov.com.

About the Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016-more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.

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