

What is Take It Outside!?



- Take It Outside! is BLM's flagship youth engagement program
- Stresses health, family, fun, and stewardship
- Provides opportunities for young people to engage in outdoor recreation, non-formal education, and volunteer projects, while fostering future generations of public land stewards

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What defines a Take It Outside Activity?

- Any activity that gets kids outdoors, active on BLM lands
- Meets one or more TIO criteria of health, family, fun, and stewardship - outdoor recreation, non-formal education, and volunteer projects



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If I don't receive BLM funding can my activity still be considered TIO?

- Yes! Many activities meet criteria of TIO but only a few receive funding through youth program.
- Even if you don't receive youth funding, report your activity in annual youth data collection for accomplishment reporting

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Budget Updates

- **2014** - youth funding included in state's base funding for recreation – spending decisions made at state level for allocation to field
- **2015** - President's budget shows slight increase for youth – however, too early to count on anything
- **2015** - Youth allocation likely go to states same as 2014 in base funding- spending at discretion of states.
- **2015 BPS** (last year for BPS) – It is up to states to continue using it in 2015. Most states are using BPS in 2015 - WO will not be reviewing individual project submissions such as TIO, Hands on the Land.

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Secretary Jewell's Priorities for Youth

Play, Learn, Serve & Work

Play = Engagement & Informal learning
Take It Outside & Jr. Explorer

Learn = Formal learning & Hands on the Land

Serve = Volunteer

Work = Youth Conservation Corps, Youth
Employment, Internships

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