

How much land does the federal government own?

It seems like a basic question that would have a simple answer, but the federal government does not have the kind of basic property and asset data that a well-run business or responsible family relies on to manage its finances.

Some agencies do have a good inventory of systems-tracking acres of land under management, mineral resources, buildings, vehicles, and office furniture-and others are in the process of developing them. However, there is no comprehensive, accurate federal inventory of real property, which is the land and everything on it, leading to frequent misuse and underutilization of land and assets.

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