

**Western Association of State Highway
and Transportation Officials**

Resolution 4-00

Classification of Bureau of Land Management Roads

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management is a public authority that operates and maintains roads throughout the United States; and

Whereas, 43,000 miles of Bureau of Land Management roads are open to the general public for use; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management is promoting on the Internet public use of more than 100 “autotouring” routes; and

Whereas, any road under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel is considered a “public road” under Title 23 U.S.C.; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management’s decision was made without consulting impacted states; and

Whereas, roads on Bureau of Land Management lands are predominant in western states making up a significant percentage of total public road miles in many western states; and

Whereas, the exclusion of Bureau of Land Management roads from public road mileage totals has significant impacts upon federal funding for western states, reducing funding for state highway safety and motor carrier programs by up to 10 percent;

Now, therefore be it resolved, WASHTO requests the U.S. Department of Transportation to undertake a study in cooperation with states and Federal agencies to review criteria agencies use to determine whether their road miles are to be classified as public or not; and

Be it resolved further, that until the study is completed, U.S. Department of Transportation should not exclude Bureau of Land Management road miles from public road mileage numbers certified by states.

Be it resolved further, that this resolution be sent to AASHTO for their consideration and adoption.

WASHTO PRESIDENT

DATE

This Resolution was Signed by Pete
K?, on 3-24-00