



# United States Department of the Interior



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Rich Hatfield  
Xerces Society  
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Portland OR, 97232

Dear Mr. Hatfield:

By this letter you and other members of the staff (including citizen science staff) of the Xerces Society are hereby authorized to conduct bumble bee studies through live trapping methods in support of the CA Bumble Bee Atlas on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the California. Your research involves documenting bumble bees across the landscape and photographing them for identification.

The BLM recognizes the scientific and educational values of such studies and is pleased to support this endeavor.

Please coordinate with the local BLM Wildlife Biologist and/or Botanist on the dates and locations of your field work. They can notify the BLM rangers of your activities and inform you of the local conditions.

The following are the terms of the authorization:

1. Vehicle travel is restricted to designated open routes. Wilderness areas are closed to vehicles. Surface Management Maps showing open routes and wilderness boundaries are available from BLM offices and online.
2. If trapping bees that are federally listed, the collectors must also hold a section 10 (a)(1)(A) permit from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for those species. must comply with all other State and Federal laws. You are responsible for obtaining any scientific collecting permits or Memoranda of Understanding that may be required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

3. A copy of this authorization, proper identification, and any other required permits shall be always in your possession.
4. This authorization is for you as Principal Investigator and for any Xerces volunteer that has completed the training and passed the CDFW test.
5. This authorization applies only to public lands administered by the CA BLM. This authorization does not apply to other Federal lands (e.g., National Forests, National Parks or Preserves, National Wildlife Refuges, or military bases), State lands, or private lands. The Surface Management Maps also show land administration.

Your staff must have a copy of this letter with them at the time you are undertaking collection activities on BLM lands, along with proof of identification. This authorization expires on December 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

Genivieve Rasmussen  
Associate Deputy State Director  
Division of Resources