

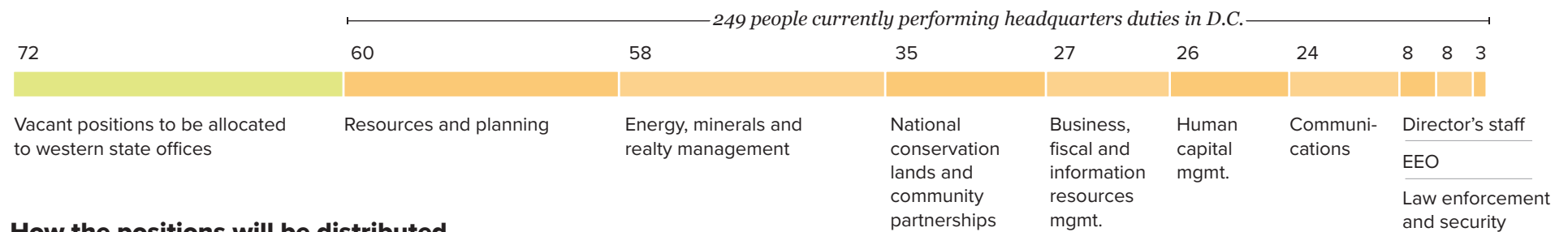
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Interior sending most BLM leadership to the West

The Interior Department intends to relocate most of its Washington, D.C., leadership staff of the Bureau of Land Management to the western states hosting most of the land they oversee. Interior would spend \$5.6 million to move 321 positions to the West, including 27 posts at a newly planned BLM headquarters in Colorado. Some Democrats welcome the move, but suspect the relocation is an effort to weaken regulatory oversight in D.C.

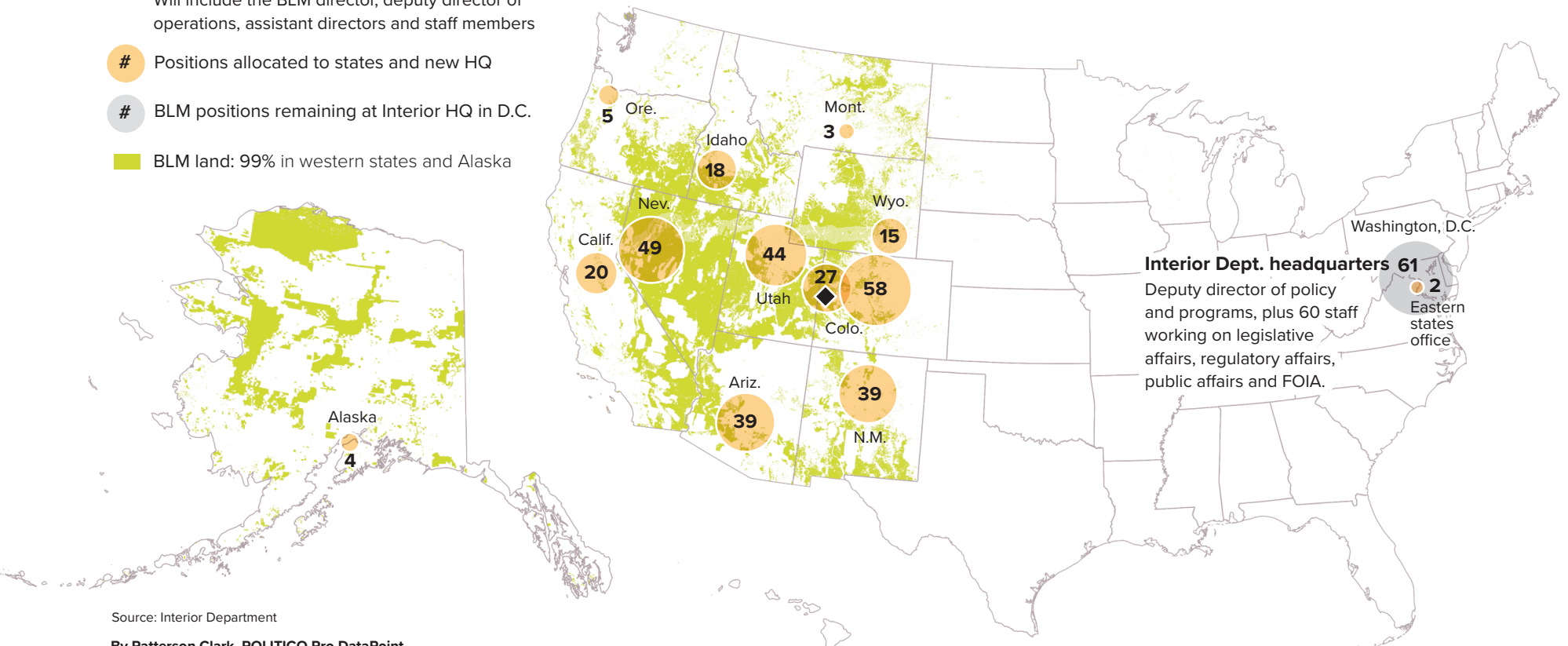
321 positions will be relocated to the West

Of the 9,367 full-time BLM employees — who manage grazing, conservation, timber, wildlife habitat, recreation and federal subsurface mineral ownership — 93 percent already work in western states. Interior plans for 249 of its Washington, D.C.-based BLM employees to move west to join them, in addition to 72 vacant positions.



How the positions will be distributed

- ◆ **Planned BLM headquarters**, Grand Junction, Colo.
Will include the BLM director, deputy director of operations, assistant directors and staff members
- # Positions allocated to states and new HQ
- # BLM positions remaining at Interior HQ in D.C.
- BLM land: 99% in western states and Alaska



Source: Interior Department

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