

BLM Director Neil Kornze

Neil Kornze was confirmed as the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in 2014. Previously, Kornze was the BLM's Acting Deputy Director for Policy and Programs and Senior Advisor to the Director. In these roles, he worked on a broad range of issues, including renewable and conventional energy development, transmission siting, and conservation policy. He has also been active in tribal consultation, especially as it relates to oil and gas and renewable energy development.

Before coming to the Bureau of Land Management, Kornze worked as a Senior Advisor to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada from 2003 to 2011, where he worked on a variety of public lands issues, including renewable energy development, mining, water, outdoor recreation, rural development, and wildlife. Kornze has also served as an international election observer in Macedonia, the Ukraine, and Georgia.

Raised in Elko, NV, Kornze is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate with a bachelor's degree in Politics from Whitman College, and a master's degree in International Relations at the London School of Economics.