PART 2

CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND

SOLUTIONS FOR OUR PUBLIC LANDS

Because we all want Healthy air, water and wildlife, Abundant outdoor recreation, and Safe, vibrant communities.
Saved, Rehabilitated and Released... Where?
Federally Controlled Public Land... Unmanaged Trees Get So Thick
All it Takes is One Lightening Strike
Once It Gets Going, There’s No Stopping It...
NO ESCAPE.
Montana Governor Says Feds Hampering State's Wildfire Fight

Montana's governor on Friday called on federal officials to lift what he called nonsensical restrictions that bar the state from using some of its helicopters to fight nearly a dozen major wildfires burning largely out of control across the state.

Governor Steve Bullock, who declared a state of emergency earlier this week authorizing use of National Guard troops and aircraft along with state firefighters and helicopters, said in a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack that the federal rules were unnecessary obstacles to fighting the fires.

"I am doing my part to mobilize every available firefighting resource at my disposal, and make them available to all fire protection agencies," Bullock said in the letter. "I encourage you to do your part by directing leadership within your respective agencies to rescind this unnecessary and artificial restriction on Montana aircraft as soon as possible."
“By nearly all accounts, our federal lands are in trouble, both in terms of fiscal performance and environmental stewardship.”
## States Out-Perform Feds

### Revenue per $1 Spent

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<tr>
<th>Land Type</th>
<th>Revenue</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>Revenue per $1 Spent</th>
<th>Net Revenue</th>
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<td>Federal Multiple-Use Lands</td>
<td>$5,261,863,132</td>
<td>$7,216,610,309</td>
<td>$0.73</td>
<td>$1,954,747,177</td>
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<td>State Trust Lands</td>
<td>$239,921,512</td>
<td>$16,540,387</td>
<td>$14.51</td>
<td>$223,281,126</td>
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Note: Data are 5-year annual averages from 2009-2013, adjusted to 2013 dollars. Federal multiple-use lands include lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. BLM data includes Office of Natural Resource Revenues (ONRR) revenues. State trust land data includes Montana, Idaho, New Mexico, and Arizona.
# States Out-Perform Feds Harvest Volumes

Forest Management: State Success versus Federal Failure

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<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>USFS</td>
<td>Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</td>
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<td>Total Forest Acres</td>
<td>2.2 million</td>
<td>9.3 million</td>
<td>559,000</td>
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<td>Average Harvested Volume (million board feet)/Year</td>
<td>567.3</td>
<td>79.9</td>
<td>52.1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average Harvested Volume (million board feet)/Acre</td>
<td>257.9</td>
<td>8.6</td>
<td>93.2</td>
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<td><strong>State volume per acre over Forest Service</strong></td>
<td><strong>30X more volume/acre than USFS</strong></td>
<td><strong>19X more volume/acre than USFS</strong></td>
<td><strong>52X more volume/acre than USFS</strong></td>
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<td>Average Revenues/Year</td>
<td>$160 million</td>
<td>$589,926</td>
<td>$8.9 million</td>
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<td>Revenues/Acre</td>
<td>$77</td>
<td>$0.06</td>
<td>$0.16</td>
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<td><strong>State value per acre over Forest Service</strong></td>
<td><strong>1283X more revenue/acre than USFS</strong></td>
<td><strong>178X more revenue/acre than USFS</strong></td>
<td><strong>917X more revenue/acre than USFS</strong></td>
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<td>Average Price Bid for Timber Sale (dollar/thousand board foot)</td>
<td>$310</td>
<td>$6</td>
<td>$172</td>
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# States Out-Perform Feds

**Best Management Practices**

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<th>Ownership Group</th>
<th># Practices Rated</th>
<th>Percentage (%) of Practices Rated As</th>
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<td><strong>Meet or Exceed</strong></td>
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<td>DNRC</td>
<td>224</td>
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<td>Federal</td>
<td>459</td>
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<td>NIPF</td>
<td>273</td>
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<td>All Sites</td>
<td>1,309</td>
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ACTIVE MANAGEMENT PREVENTS DEVASTATING WILDFIRES, IMPROVES WILDLIFE HABITAT, & PROVIDES ACCESS.
Researchers at University of California - Merced posit that thinning overgrown Sierra Nevada National Forest could result in as much as 1 million acre feet of extra water per year.

1 AF (acre foot) = 326,000 gallons
1 Million AF = 326 billion gallons
*Enough to supply 2 million Families every year
“Had a great day viewing Munich water supply - largest city in world with pure untreated water that comes from managed forest watershed in the foothills of the Alps.”

- Dr. Peter Kolb (2017 summer field trip)
University of Montana
ACTIVE MANAGEMENT:

- FOREST HEALTH
- FIRE RESILIENCY
- CLEAN AIR & WATER
- WILDLIFE HABITAT
- WOOD PRODUCTS
- MULTI-USE ACCESSIBILITY
- JOBS, RECREATION, SCENERY
- COST SAVINGS

For every $1 spent on active vegetation management:
- $17 can be saved on wildfire suppression costs; and
- $500 can be saved in total losses.

- Mowery & Gray, The Total Cost of Wildfires. 2013
ACTIVELY MANAGED PUBLIC LAND IS HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE, FIRE RESILIENT AND ECONOMICALLY PRODUCTIVE.
“When decisions are made by people closer to the subject matter, you tend to get better decisions.”
WHO BETTER THAN THE LOCAL GARDNER?
OR LOCAL BIOLOGIST?
Who Cares More Than The People Who Live Here?
THE WEST, CONTROLLED BY THE EAST...

OVER 50% FEDERALLY CONTROLLED

THE FEDERAL FAULT LINE

LESS THAN 5% FEDERALLY CONTROLLED

Areas shown in red are federally controlled lands.

IT'S NOT FAIR & IT'S NOT WORKING!

AMERICAN LANDS COUNCIL
ACCESS, HEALTH, PRODUCTIVITY
Can Congress Transfer Public Lands to the States? Absolutely!

“The Congress shall have **Power to dispose of... the Territory or other property belonging to the United States**; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of... any particular state.”

-- excerpt from U.S. Constitution Article IV, Section 3, Cl 2
Do States have a right to be treated equally? Absolutely!

“The right of every new State to exercise all the powers of government which belong to and may be exercised by the original States must remain unquestioned except so far as they are temporarily deprived of control over the public lands.”

Solution: “TPL”
Transfer Public Lands to willing States

Pathways Forward
EXECUTIVE ACTION:
- REDUCE REGULATIONS
- RESTORE JUSTICE
- RETURN POWER TO THE STATES
JUDICIAL ACTION:
EXTINGUISH FEDERAL TITLE
TRANSFER PUBLIC LANDS TO STATES
LEGISLATIVE ACTION: INCREMENTAL CONVEYANCE OF SPECIFIC PIECES OF PUBLIC LAND TO WILLING STATES
Official Policy

A federal bill consistent with ALC’s Public Policy Statement, which protects the values we all care about and allows each state to apply for transfer when they are ready.
Because we all want a healthy environment, abundant outdoor recreation, and safe, vibrant communities!