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LANDS COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC LANDS
BETTER ACCESS
BETTER HEALTH
BETTER PRODUCTIVITY**

PART 2 of 2

CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND SOLUTIONS FOR OUR PUBLIC LANDS

**Because we all want Healthy air, water and wildlife,
Abundant outdoor recreation, and Safe, vibrant
communities.**

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“HANDS-OFF” MANAGEMENT IS NOT WORKING

i.e. “No Compromise - Hands Off, Don’t Touch!”



IT'S NOT A MUSEUM



IT'S A GARDEN



A large, billowing plume of smoke and ash rises from a forest fire, filling the sky. The smoke is thick and white, with a darker, more turbulent base. The sky is a clear blue. The foreground shows a dark, green forest.

**No Vegetation Management =
DIRTY AIR,**



POLLUTED WATER,



DECIMATED WILDLIFE;



BLOCKED OFF ACCESS



AND ECONOMICALLY DEVASTATED,





UNSAFE COMMUNITIES.

BURNED ALIVE





**Saved, Rehabilitated and Released...
Where?**

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a dense forest of tall, thin, dark evergreen trees. The road is in the foreground, leading into the distance. The trees are very tall and thin, creating a dense canopy. The ground is covered in brown leaves and dirt. The sky is overcast and grey.

Trees So Thick



All it Takes is One Lightning Strike

A large, intense wildfire is shown, with bright orange and yellow flames rising high into the air. The fire is consuming a forest, with green trees visible in the foreground and background. The sky is dark and smoky. The text "Once It Gets Going, There's No Stopping It..." is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

**Once It Gets Going,
There's No Stopping It...**

NO ESCAPE.







FIRE IMPACT ESTIMATE (10 years)

More than 120 million wild animals killed

More than 4 billion pounds toxic pollution emitted

ELEVEN WESTERN STATES WILDFIRE, PRESCRIPTIVE AND FIRE USE HISTORY
2002-2012

Totals for All Acres Burned			
Type of Burn	Acres Burned	Animals Burned	Pollution Spewed (in pounds)
Wildfire	34,106,778	102,318,534	3,410,617,800
Prescriptive Burns	5,516,085	16,548,255	551,608,500
Fire Use	1,335,804	4,007,412	133,580,400
Totals	40,958,067	122,874,201	4,095,806,700



UTILITIES At RISK



USDA REPORT:
10,000 miles of
electrical
transmission lines
on national forest
lands are at risk.

RANCHERS LOCKED OUT & LOCKED UP

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New Mexico county clashes with feds in water rights dispute



Otero cattle rancher association president Gary Stone talks to Lincoln National Forest District Ranger James Duran in Weed, New Mexico, Thursday, May 15, 2014. / AP PHOTO/JUAN CARLOS LLORCA

Moseley [with USFS] said the Forest Service stands on solid legal footing in its decision to lock cattle out ...“even if there is a water right there, I was advised by our legal counsel that as the surface property manager, we have the ability to manage and restrict access to certain areas.”

— Albuquerque Journal, May 2014

TERRORIST?



FEDS BLOCK STATE FIRE CREWS

DNRC Helicopters Barred From Fighting Fires On Federal Land

By ERIC WHITNEY • AUG 21, 2015

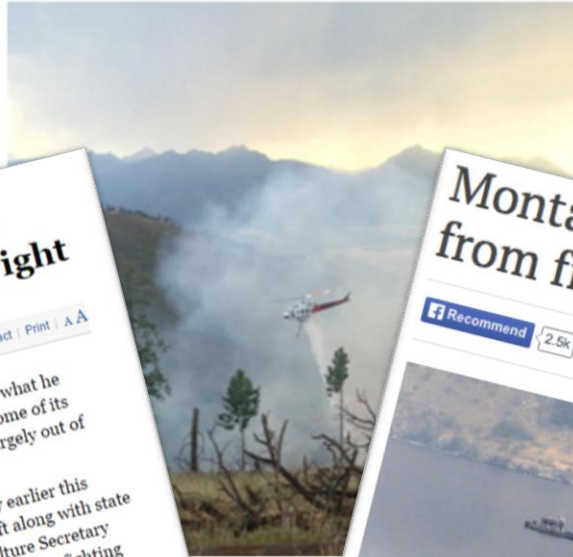
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Montana Governor Says Feds Hampering State's Wildfire Fight

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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."

Montana helicopters sidelined from fighting federal fires

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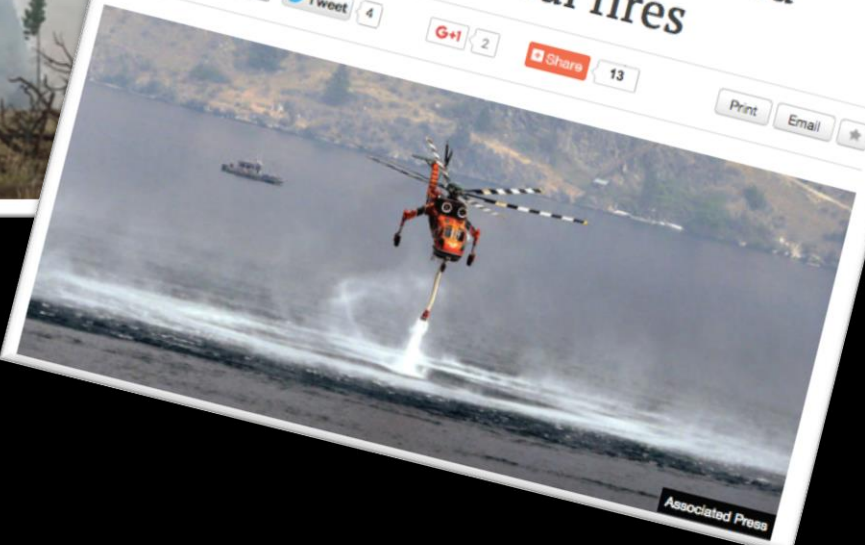
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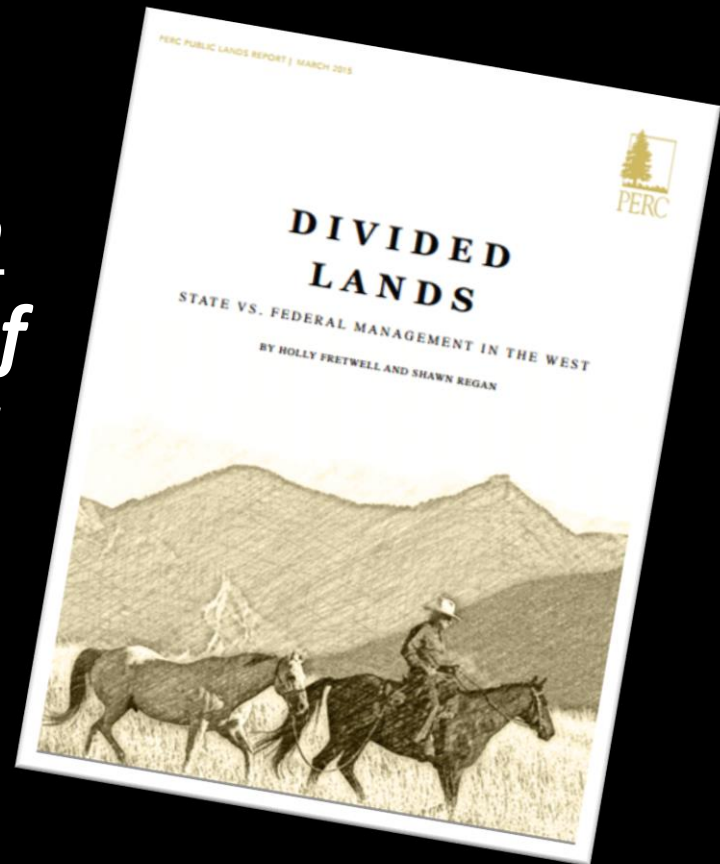
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STATE VS. FEDERAL MNGT

***“By nearly all accounts,
our federal lands are in
trouble, both in terms of
fiscal performance and
environmental
stewardship.”***



States Out-Perform Feds >10:1

Revenue per \$1 Spent

Table 1

The Cost of Land Management: Federal vs. State

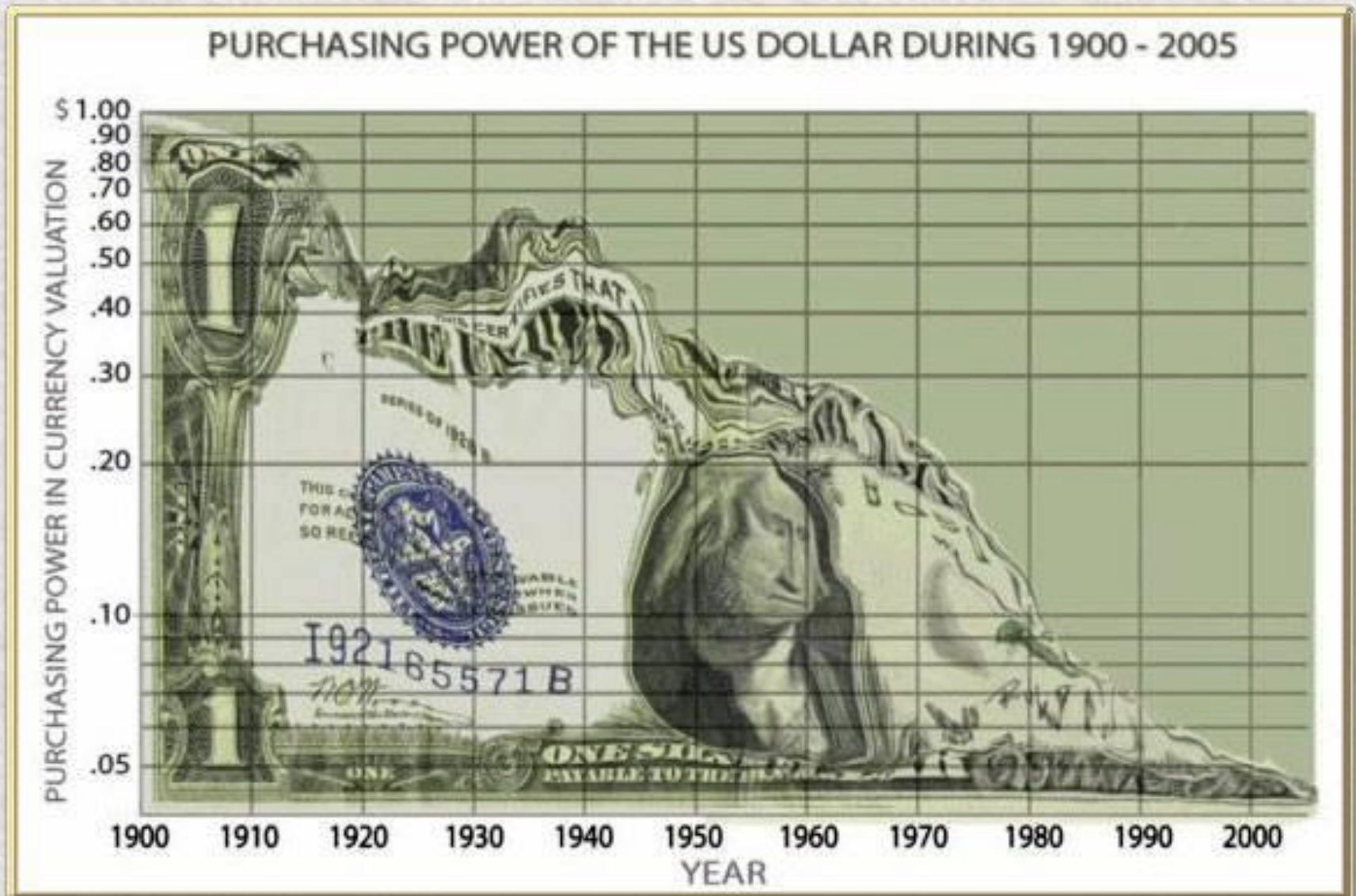
	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue per \$ Spent	Net Revenue
Federal Multiple-Use Lands	\$5,261,863,132	\$7,216,610,309	\$0.73	\$1,954,747,177
State Trust Lands	\$239,921,512	\$16,540,387	\$14.51	\$223,281,126

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.

DIVIDED LANDS 9

PILT = 13¢ -15¢ per \$1

*Utah & Nevada Economic studies





States Uniting!

- Local, State & National Support Growing
- 50 Counties in 10 States
- 1000 elected officials
- RNC, ALEC, Heartland, National Farm Bureau...

**ACTIVELY MANAGED
PUBLIC LAND IS
HEALTHY, ACCESSIBLE,
FIRE RESILIENT AND
ECONOMICALLY
PRODUCTIVE.**



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Devolution

of Lands and Resources in the Northwest Territories

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THE LATEST IN DEVOLUTION

APRIL 9, 2014
MANAGING WATER AFTER DEVOLUTION

Devolution a Reality

On April 1, 2014, the Government of the Northwest Territories became responsible for managing public land, water, and resources in the NWT. The first mineral claim was recorded later that day, and Premier Bob McLeod welcomed 132 transferring federal employees in a public event on April 2.

"Our government is committed to the responsible management and development of all of our resources to create sustainable benefits for our people," said Premier McLeod. "We are now in control of our own future. We have worked hard to prepare for this day and we will be guided by the Water Stewardship Strategy, the Land Use and Sustainability Framework, the Economic Opportunities Strategy, and the Aboriginal Engagement Strategy among many others. I am proud of the work we have done: it gave us a solid foundation for developing a strong economy and protecting our environment according to northern priorities."





**“You tend to get better decisions
when they are made by people
closer to the subject matter.”**



(Scott Sommerdorf | The Salt Lake Tribune) Utah Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, right, and other western lawmakers speak about their private conversations on transferring federal land to the states, Friday, April 18, 2014. From left to right: House Speaker Mark Blasdel of Montana, Utah state Rep. Ken Ivory, Montana Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Idaho House Speaker Scott Bedke, and Lockhart.

Western lawmakers gather in Utah to talk federal land takeover

'It's time' » Lawmakers from 9 states gather in Utah, discuss ways to take control of federal lands.

By Kristen Moulton | The Salt Lake Tribune

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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”

-- excerpt from U.S. Constitution
Article IV, Section 3, Cl 2

Do States have a right to be treated equal? 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.”

-- The Constitution of the United States of America, Annotated
74th Congress, 2nd Session, Doc 232, p. 539, 1938



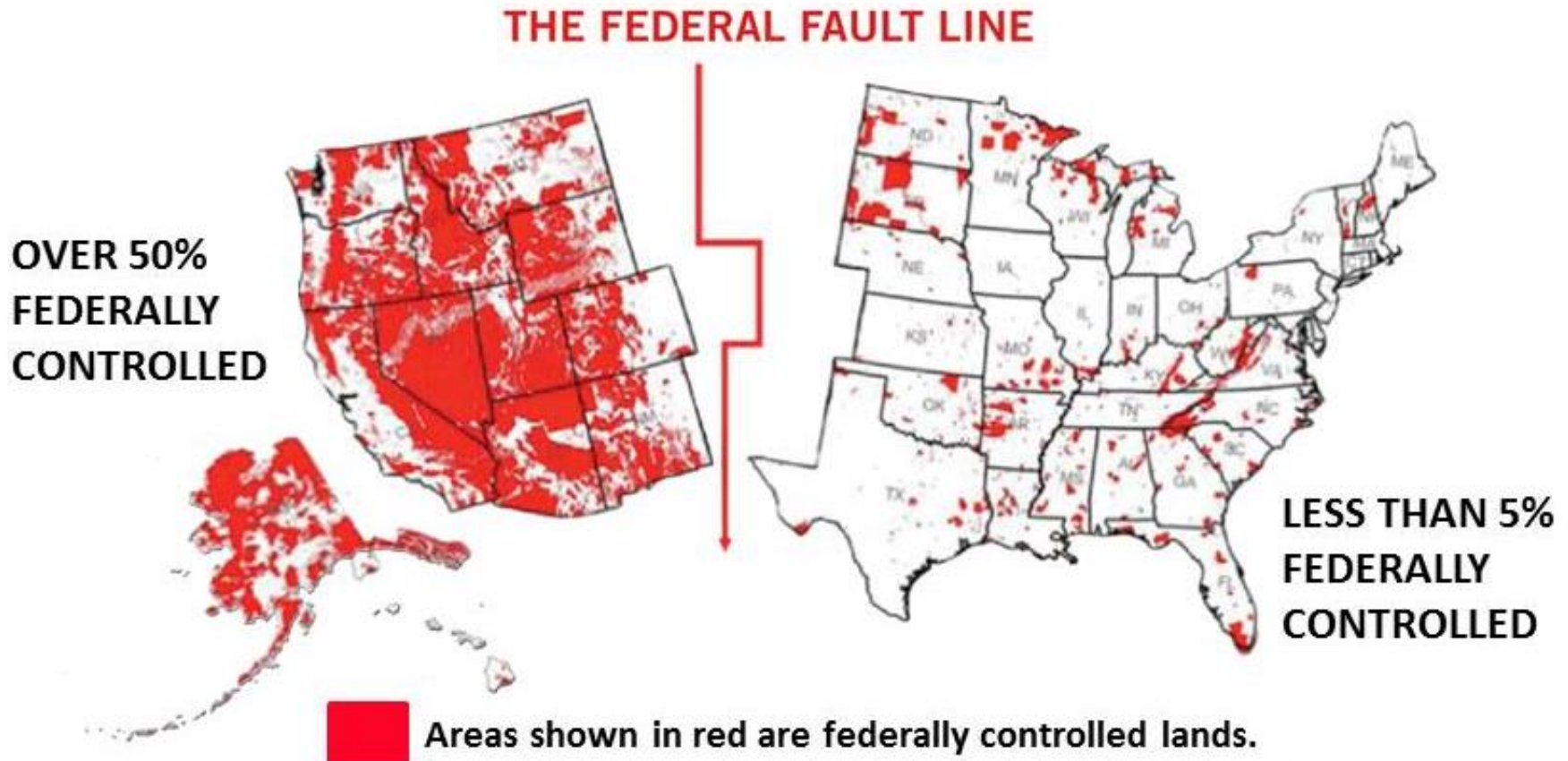
WHO BETTER THAN THE LOCAL GARDNER?





**Who Cares More Than The People
Who Live There?**

Who knows western lands best?



FEDERALLY CONTROLLED

PUBLIC LANDS

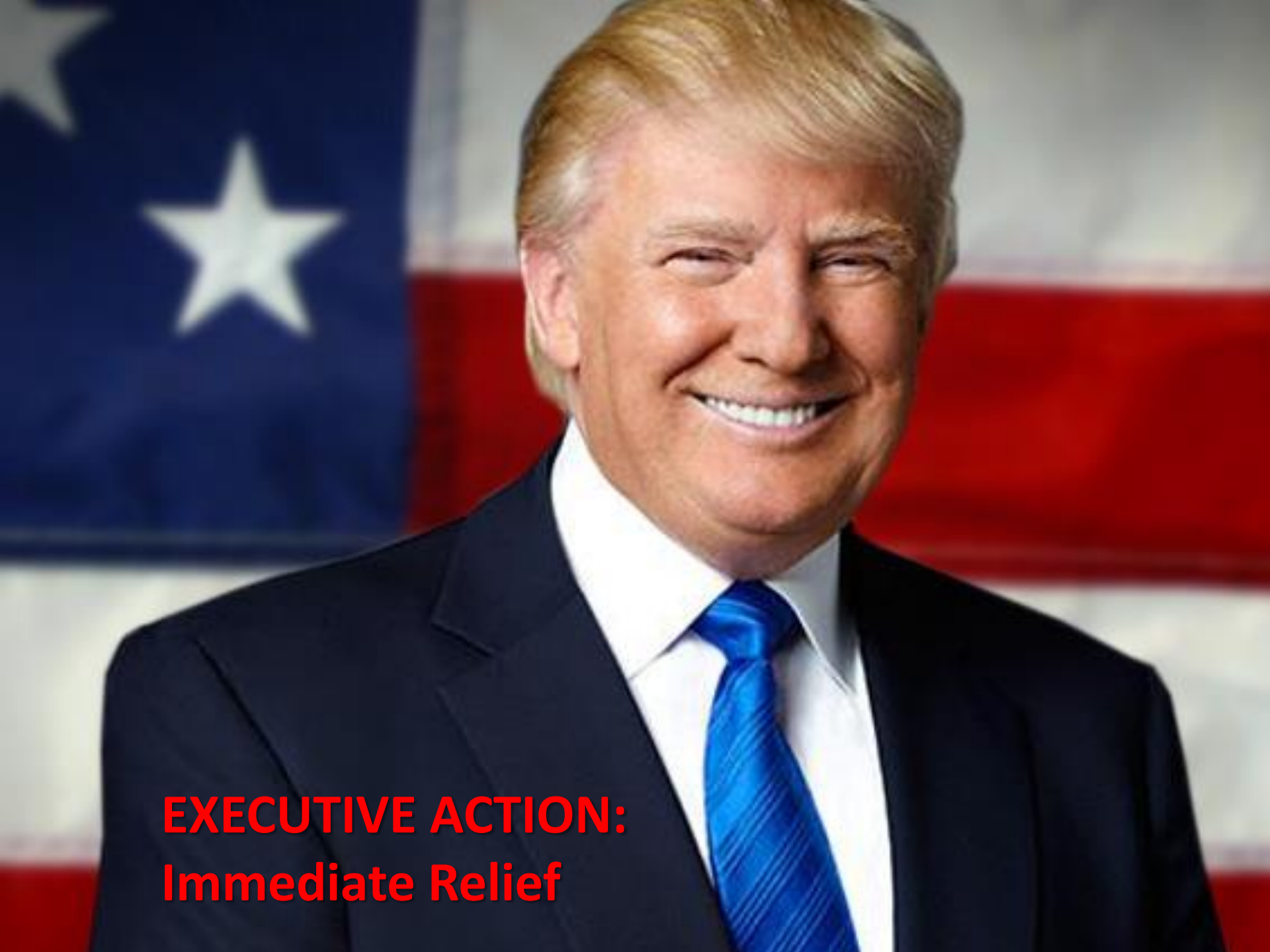


INSTEAD OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES,
POLLUTED WATER AND DECIMATED WILDLIFE —

THERE'S A BETTER PATH

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EXECUTIVE ACTION:
Immediate Relief



John W. Howard - Lead Attorney



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JUDICIAL ACTION:
States Have a Right to Be Treated Equal

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Orderly Transfer Of Public Land to States



1. STATES CAN GO AT THEIR OWN

PACE: Through optional, incremental land transfers, States can acquire specific pieces of federally controlled public land whenever they are ready to manage new areas responsibly.

2. MINERAL, GRAZING & WATER

RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED: States must honor all existing valid rights and uses, as well as contracts that were in place prior to the transfer. Safeguards against fee increases are built in to provide certainty.

3. LOCAL VOICES ARE STRENGTHENED:

States must coordinate with affected counties to ensure that management plans for the newly acquired public lands are consistent with local plans and priorities.

4. PROMISES TO KEEP IT PUBLIC MUST BE UPHELD:

States must administer each piece of public land as described in the legislature's application for conveyance. If the application says it will be public land, the State must keep it public.

5. RESOURCE REVENUES PAY FOR

MANAGEMENT: Income derived from resource royalties will pay for ongoing maintenance, management, and wildfire control — making state ownership of the public lands economically sustainable.

6. STATE & LOCAL BUDGETS GET A

BOOST: After land management costs are covered, excess revenues from natural resource production may be divided between state and local governments to support schools, roads, and public safety.

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