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.
“HANDS-OFF” MANAGEMENT IS NOT WORKING

i.e. “No Compromise - Hands Off, Don’t Touch!”
IT’S NOT A MUSEUM
IT’S A GARDEN
No Vegetation Management = DIRTY AIR,
POLLUTED WATER,
DECIMATED WILDLIFE;
BLOCKED OFF ACCESS
AND ECONOMICALLY DEVASTATED,
UNSAFE COMMUNITIES.
BURNED ALIVE
Saved, Rehabilitated and Released... Where?
Trees So Thick
All it Takes is One Lightening Strike
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

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<td>Fire Use</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
<td>40,958,067</td>
<td>122,874,201</td>
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UTILITIES At RISK

USDA REPORT:

10,000 miles of electrical transmission lines on national forest lands are at risk.
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?
Montana Governor Says Feds Hamper 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."

DNRC Helicopters Barred From Fighting Fires On Federal Land

Montana helicopters sidelined from fighting federal fires
“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

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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.

See more at: http://www.perc.org/articles/divided-lands-state-vs-federal-management-west#sthash.g9OADGEQ.dpuf
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.
THAT'S WHY CANADA DID IT…

Devolution
of Lands and Resources in the Northwest Territories

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 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 for many others. I am proud of the work we have done: it gave us a solid foundation for developing our 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.”
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
First Published Apr 18 2014 03:07 pm • Last Updated Apr 20 2014 12:21 pm
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.”

WHO BETTER THAN THE LOCAL GARDNER?
Who Cares More Than The People Who Live There?
Who knows western lands best?

The Federal Fault Line

Over 50% Federally Controlled

Less than 5% Federally Controlled

Areas shown in red are federally controlled lands.
Federally Controlled
PUBLIC LANDS

Instead of Catastrophic Wildfires, Polluted Water and Decimated Wildlife —

THERE’S A BETTER PATH

AMERICANLANDSCOUNCIL.ORG
EXECUTIVE ACTION: Immediate Relief
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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