



# AMERICAN LANDS COUNCIL

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## ENTRUST OUR PUBLIC LANDS TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT THAT CARES



We all want abundant outdoor recreation; healthy air, water and wildlife; and safe, vibrant communities. But decades of federal control have been producing just the opposite. American Lands Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to responsible public land management, is working to bring land management decisions home, where they belong...

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## FEDERAL LANDS: 100 Years of Failed Management and Billions of Dollars Wasted

### THE FACTS

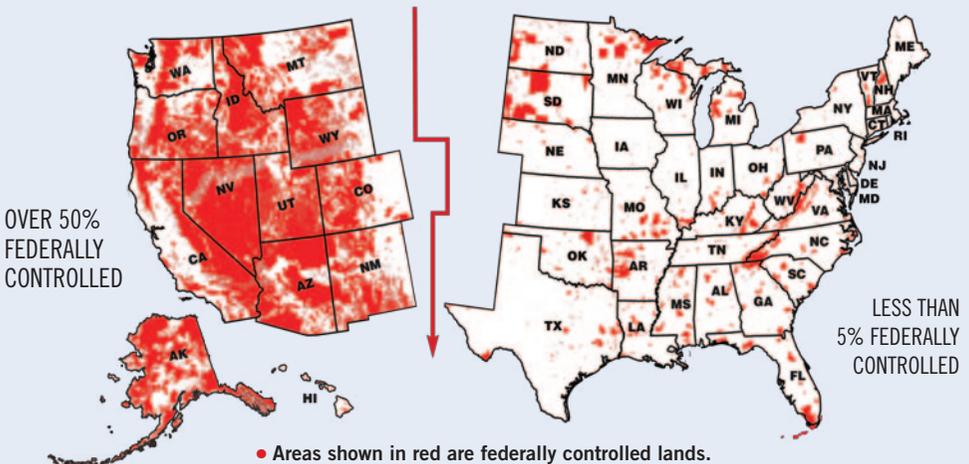
Decades of distant, federal control over western lands has created a legacy of neglect, closures, massive wildfires, destruction of wildlife, polluted air and water, billions of dollars wasted, loss of countless lives and livelihoods, and a patchwork of devastated communities.

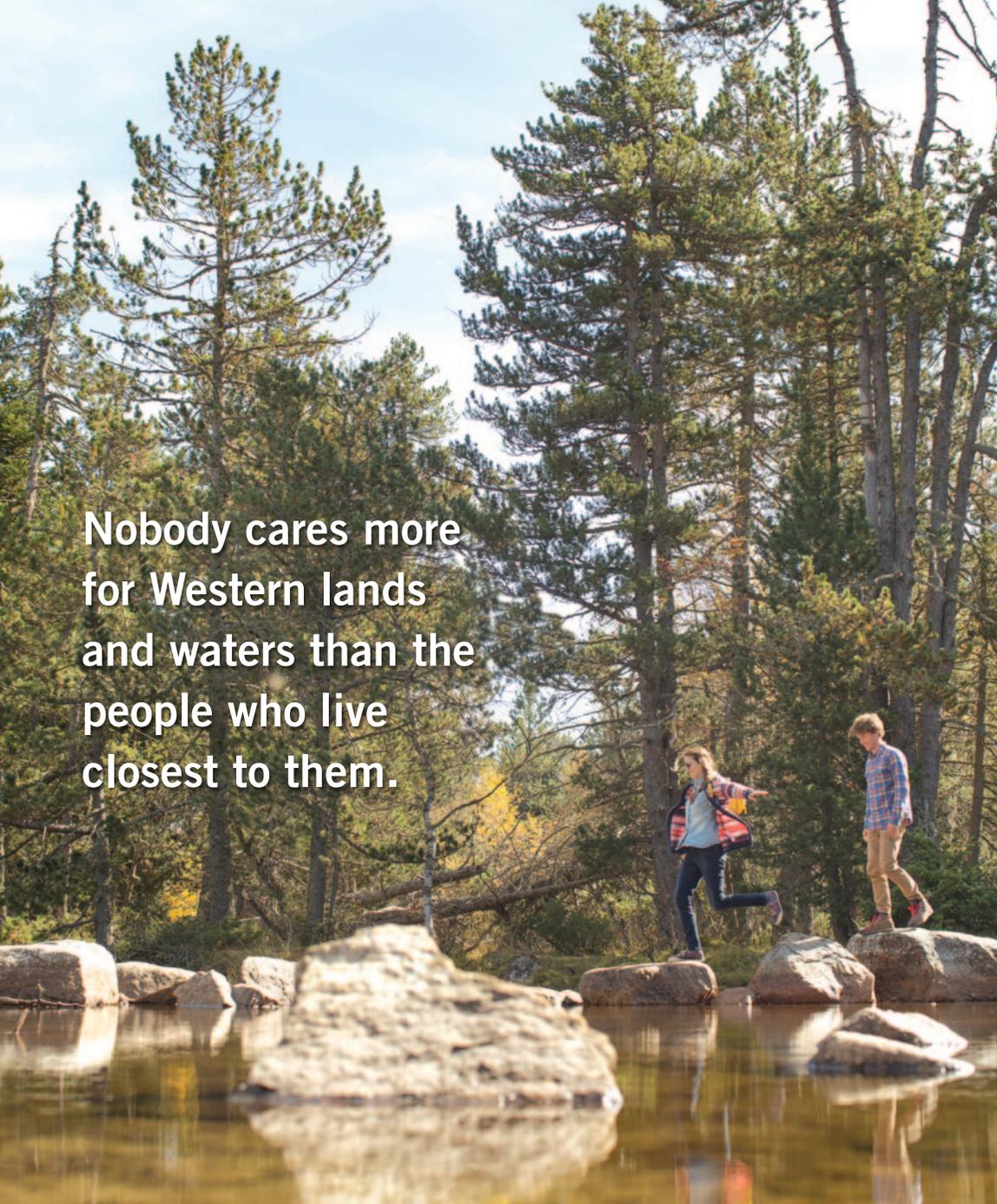
Over 50% of ALL land in the West is owned by the federal government. This is unfair, and it isn't working! In-depth legal analysis conducted by the state of Utah proves that it is unconstitutional for the federal government to retain so much land within western States. So what is Uncle Sam to do?

The good news is that federal lands can easily be transitioned to state ownership for more effective, responsible local management. In fact, most state-owned public lands offer wonderful recreation opportunities and routinely out-perform federal lands both economically and environmentally.

### THE FEDERAL FAULT LINE

This great imbalance is not only unfair, it's not working!





Nobody cares more  
for Western lands  
and waters than the  
people who live  
closest to them.

## **THE ONLY SOLUTION BIG ENOUGH: Transfer Federal Lands to States**

### **OUR GOAL**

Our goal at American Lands Council is to achieve thoughtful, accountable, locally-driven stewardship that improves public access, environmental health, and economic productivity on our public lands.

### **OUR STRATEGY**

We are implementing legal, legislative, and educational strategies so States can incrementally acquire certain pieces of federally controlled land and begin managing these areas responsibly, in close coordination with the counties where the lands are located.

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## A THOUGHTFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION: The National State Lands Act

### KEY COMPONENTS OF OUR PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- **STATES CAN GO AT THEIR OWN PACE:** Through optional, incremental land transfers, States will be able to acquire specific pieces\* of federally controlled public land as they are ready and willing to manage new areas responsibly.
- **PROMISES TO KEEP IT PUBLIC MUST BE UPHELD:** States will be required to administer each piece of transferred land as described in the state legislature's application for conveyance. If the application says it will be public land, the State must keep it public.
- **LOCAL VOICES ARE STRENGTHENED:** States will be required to coordinate with affected counties to ensure that newly acquired lands are managed consistently with local resource management plans and priorities.
- **RESOURCE REVENUES PAY FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ACCESS FACILITIES:** Income derived from natural resource revenues will pay for ongoing maintenance, management, and wildfire control — making state ownership of the public lands economically sustainable.
- **MINERAL, GRAZING, AND 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. Moratoriums on fee increases will provide long-term certainty for lease holders.
- **STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS GET A BOOST:** After land management costs are covered, excess revenues from minerals, timber, grazing, or other productive uses can fund schools, roads, public safety, and other services.

\*National Parks, Wilderness, Military Land, and Indian Reservations would NOT be eligible for transfer under this act.

# KEEPING IT PUBLIC

States Have Proven They Can Keep Public Lands Public AND Manage Them Better

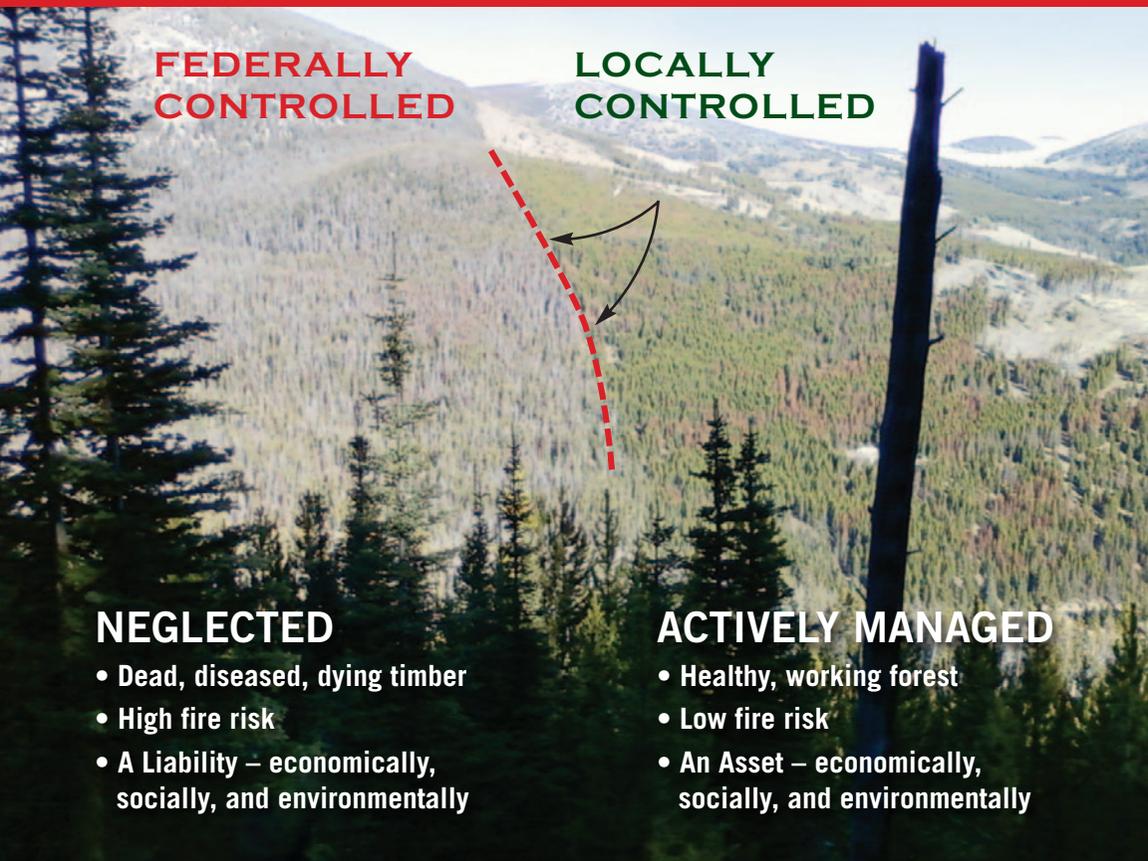
## PUBLIC LAND ECONOMICS:

On average, western States out-perform the Federal Government by 10:1

### REVENUE PER DOLLAR SPENT



Federal lands lose billions of dollars every year and suffer from decades of neglect. In contrast, state-owned public lands are actively managed to protect the environment, provide recreation, and produce positive cash flows.



**FEDERALLY CONTROLLED**

**LOCALLY CONTROLLED**

### NEGLECTED

- Dead, diseased, dying timber
- High fire risk
- A Liability – economically, socially, and environmentally

### ACTIVELY MANAGED

- Healthy, working forest
- Low fire risk
- An Asset – economically, socially, and environmentally

# TOGETHER WE CAN BRING LAND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS HOME – WHERE THEY BELONG...



## LOCAL STEWARDSHIP MAKES SENSE

Nobody cares more about our lands and waters than the people who live nearest to them and rely upon them every day for health, happiness, and livability. With this knowledge, Canada recently completed a process to allow its provincial and territorial governments to manage the public lands, waters, and natural resources within their boundaries.

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

We **INVITE YOU TO JOIN** our valued network of public officials, resource experts, public land users, and other good citizens striving for increased accountability, greater accessibility, balanced beneficial uses, and responsible stewardship of our public lands for present and future generations. Please add your support to the cause by filling out our American Lands Council Membership Application today.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES DIRECTLY FUND CRITICAL WORK, INCLUDING:

- Educating candidates, citizens, public officials, and media about serious problems and sensible solutions for our public lands
- Reaching national audiences and expanding our network of leaders, organizations, volunteers, and influencers
- Research, development and promotion of legislation, litigation, policies, and personnel to advance real solutions for our public lands

## HELP US LEAD THE CHARGE!

We Need You to [Join American Lands Council](#) Today.



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## THE TIME IS NOW, YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

We can no longer afford to leave our precious public lands and natural resources to the whims of an inefficient federal bureaucracy that is controlled by a distant Congress and constantly subjected to extreme political shifts.

It's time to restore common sense and bring land management decisions home, where they belong.

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America's Advocate for Access, Health,  
and Productivity on Public Lands

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