Welcome to Your Public Lands
Land of Many Uses

In the West
47% of our lands are owned by the American public. These lands are managed for many uses, including wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and resource extraction.

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- Camping is restricted in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Montana.
- Campfires are restricted in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Montana.
- Public hunting can be prohibited when it interferes with the ability of states to maximize revenue. Over 80% of Colorado lands are closed to hunting.
- Recreational shooting is prohibited in Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.
- Off-road vehicle use is prohibited in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and New Mexico.
- Non-motorized hiking is prohibited in Oregon, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Public Lands Support Diverse Economies That Include $646,000,000,000 in Outdoor Recreation Spending Every Year

What Would Happen If America’s public lands were handed over to individual states?

States Would Lose $452 million

- 64.2 million acres given to the 11 Western states at statehood
- 25.4 million acres now being sold

Local Benefit

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There is a Better Way

We live in a democracy where public lands have been rolling up their sleeves and solving problems for more than two centuries. Instead of considering the unworkable idea of land seizure, it is time for stakeholders to find common ground to improve the management of our treasured public lands.

Get involved today, and tell your state and federal lawmakers that America’s public lands are not for sale. Sign our petition at sportsmensaccess.org.