

# 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.

AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS

TIMBER HARVEST

GREAT HUNTING

OUTSTANDING CAMPING

PRODUCTIVE GRAZING

WORLD-CLASS HIKING

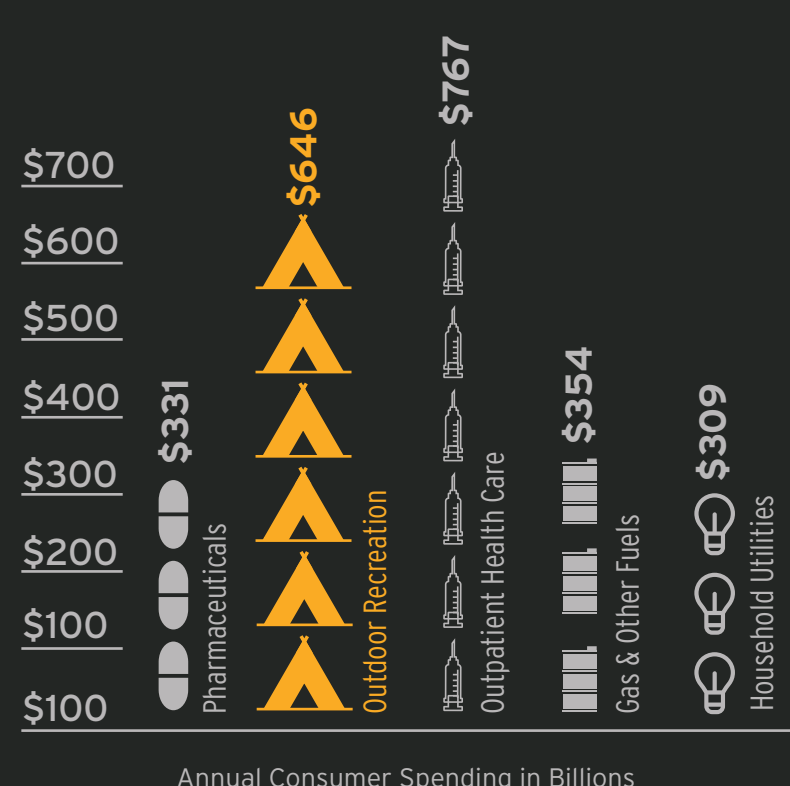
EXCELLENT FISHING

PUBLIC LANDS SUPPORT DIVERSE ECONOMIES THAT INCLUDE

**\$646,000,000,000**

IN OUTDOOR RECREATION SPENDING EVERY YEAR

## Big Bucks



## Employment

Outdoor recreation is a critical U.S. jobs sector.

**6.1 million**

Americans rely on the outdoor industry for employment.



## Local Benefit

**\$80 billion**  
in tax revenue

Communities across the country recognize the benefit to local economies through increased tax revenues and a high quality of life.

## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF

America's public lands were handed over to **INDIVIDUAL STATES?**

## AMERICA'S LANDS & STATE LANDS

**THEY'RE NOT THE SAME**

In most cases outdoor recreation is more restricted on state lands than on America's public lands:



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.



Camping is restricted in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Montana.



Off-road vehicle use is prohibited in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and New Mexico.



Recreational shooting is prohibited in Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

## STATES WOULD LOSE

**\$452 million**

in Payment in Lieu of Tax dollars and thousands of high-paying jobs.

## MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LANDS IS EXPENSIVE

The cost of wildfire suppression alone, a \$1.7- billion burden on the Forest Service in 2015, would break most state budgets.

A study of land seizure in Idaho predicts that the state would lose \$111 million annually.

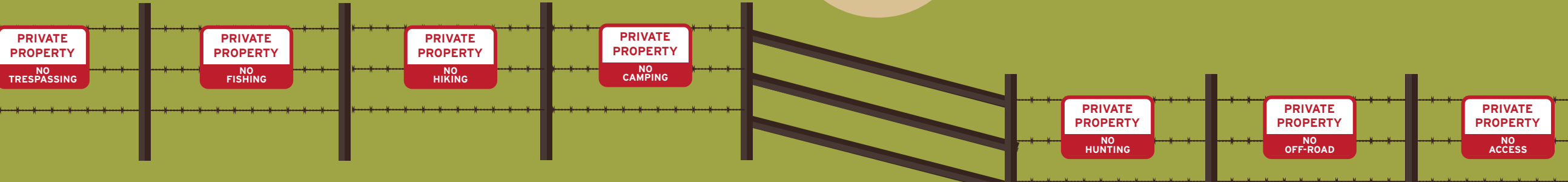


Of the **64.2** million acres given to the 11 Western states at statehood

**25.4** million acres have been sold.

## IF HISTORY

is any indication, many of these lands will be closed to the public or sold off by the states.



**THIS LAND FOR SALE**

It doesn't matter how many promises are made, financial realities would force states to sell off your public lands.

# THERE IS A BETTER WAY

We live in a democracy where **AMERICANS 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.**

Urge them to reject any proposed seizure of these lands by signing the petition at [sportsmensaccess.org](http://sportsmensaccess.org)



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