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.

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

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

- 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.
- Nonmotorized hiking is prohibited in Oregon, 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 is a $17 billion burden on the Forest Service, and other public lands.

HISTORY

If this land were 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. Learn how to contact your representative in Congress at https://sportsmensaccess.org/

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